



**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**  
*PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

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February 11, 2008

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION of a  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

The City of Richmond, as Lead Agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Honda Port of Entry project described below, proposed by Auto Warehousing Company (AWC). The City is requesting input from your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be presented in the EIR that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the City of Richmond when considering your permit or other discretionary approval of the proposed project.

Please mail or email your written response to this Notice of Preparation no later than 30 days after the date on this notice to:

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Please include in your written response the name and phone number of a contact person in your agency.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Auto Warehousing Company (AWC) is proposing to expand its existing operations at the Port of Richmond to develop a Northern California Port of Entry for Honda automobiles. AWC currently receives and processes Hyundai and Kia cars imported from Korea by ship. AWC, in cooperation with the TransDevelopment Group, is proposing to construct improvements to the Point Potrero Marine Terminal (PPMT) that would include repairs to one of the ship berths and creation of a new rail yard adjacent to the ship berths at the PPMT so that imported autos could be loaded directly onto rail cars without the current intermediary step of shuttling them to the BNSF rail yard approximately 1 mile to the north. The PPMT site is located on the southern Richmond shoreline, at the edge of the Richmond Inner Harbor. The PPMT is located at the southern terminus of Canal Boulevard, on Point Potrero, and immediately adjacent to the Harbor Channel, the primary water access to the Port of Richmond. The site consists of **Assessor's Parcel Numbers 560-320-002, 560-320-016, and 560-320-017.**

Following completion of the rail yard and ship berth improvements, Honda would begin delivering autos manufactured in Japan to the PPMT facility in car-carrying ships. Approximately one ship per week would be unloaded, in addition to the existing traffic of approximately one ship per week arriving from Korea. After a short period of storage on the PPMT site, some of the new autos would be loaded onto car carrier trucks for distribution around the Bay Area and northern California, and the remainder would be loaded onto trains for

distribution to other western and midwestern states. Honda expects to import 150,000 vehicles per year by ship, and would distribute approximately 35,000 of those vehicles via truck to dealerships throughout northern California.

Additional details about the proposed project, including a location map and site plan, are presented in the attached Initial Study

### **SCOPING MEETING**

The City of Richmond will conduct a public scoping meeting on March 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers located at 1401 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA. All members of the public and representatives from public agencies are invited to attend this meeting to provide your views on the issues that should be addressed in the Honda Port of Entry EIR.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: February 12, 2008 to March 13, 2008**