



# Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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## Fact Sheet

## Bridge Project Adds Innovative U-Turn in Port of Long Beach

### First-in-California, Free-Flow Undercrossing Moves Traffic and Goods Faster

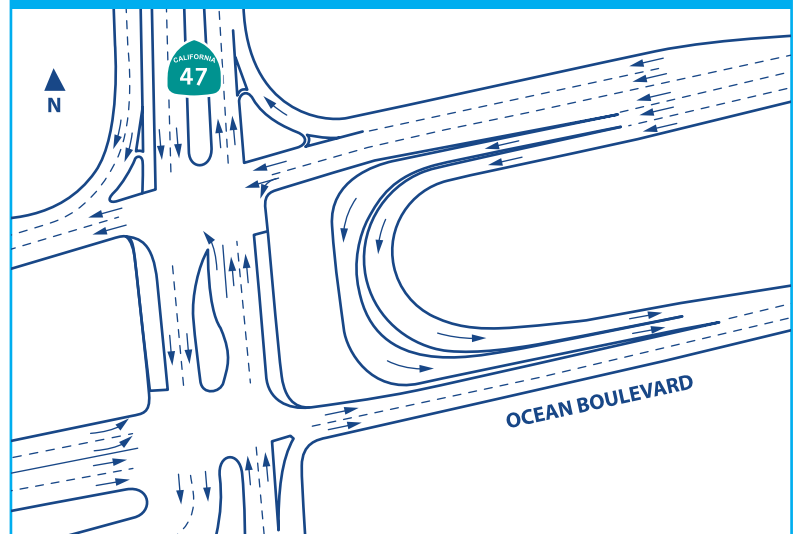
A truly innovative feature of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project is the "Port Access Under Crossing" or PAUC, a tunnel near the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and SR-47 on Terminal Island that enables motorists headed west to make a safe U-turn without stopping at a traffic signal to go east toward the city or into the Pier T complex.

The idea for the PAUC is based on a common roadway movement in Texas. In the Lone Star State, a "Texas U-turn" is a lane that enables vehicles traveling on one side of a one-way frontage road to U-turn onto the opposite frontage road (typically crossing over or under a freeway or expressway).

The PAUC will replace the flyover ramps that previously existed to reduce cost and construction time on the Bridge Project. This roadway will accelerate goods movement for truckers and Port tenants in the area, and provide safer and smoother driving through the intersection for everyone.



### AREA MAP



### How It Works

Motorists will access the PAUC in one of two ways: 1) traffic traveling westbound on Pier T Avenue will take the SR-47 / SR-103 connector road or 2) traffic headed westbound on Ocean Boulevard will take the northbound SR-47 / SR-103 off-ramp. In both cases, traffic will shift to the far left two lanes just prior to the signal at SR-47 and Ocean, and make a smooth unsignalized turn through the PAUC prior to heading east.

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