

## Transportation Research Seminar Series

### Seaport Mergers: Why Not Los Angeles and Long Beach?

**Date: Wednesday, March 25th, 2015**

**Location: USC Verna & Peter Dauterive Hall (VPD) 112**

**Time: Noon to 1:30 pm**

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reduced air emissions by combined port operations of over 70 percent over five years which is recognized around the world for its innovation and success. She was also the Managing Director of the Port of Long Beach where she also led a number of environmental initiatives, including the Green Port Policy and Truck Trip Reduction Program. She is past president of the American Association of Port Authorities and past president of the International Association of Ports and Harbors. She serves as Gov. Brown's appointee on the Ocean Protection Council.

**Abstract:** Over the course of the past century there have been numerous attempts to merge the seaports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. All failed. Most recently the Los Angeles city council 2020 Commission report recommended merging the ports. What does it take for seaports to merge successfully and where has this happened? This presentation will examine the motivations behind and the conditions precedent to successful seaport mergers.