

# Memorandum

**Date:** February 8, 2012

**To:** Clerk of the Board

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Office of Real Estate Services



**Subject:** BOS Administrative Agenda, February 14, 2012  
General Services, Planning and Development  
Hearing – Consider recommendations regarding the Ellwood Pipeline, Inc. Line 96 Modification Project and Ordinance/Franchise CEAQ Findings, Third District

The General Services Department, Office of Real Estate Services respectfully requests on the above Administrative Item for February 14, 2012 that the February 7, 2012 Board Letter be amended to include an additional recommendation as follows:

c) Adopt findings that immediate enactment as an Urgency Ordinance is supported by the following:

1. The Project EIR at Section 4.5.7 Biological Resources determined that transport of petroleum by pipeline rather than barge presents a significant improvement of safety for biological resources.
2. The Statement of Overriding Considerations for this project finds that when compared to the significant impacts that would occur from the continued operation of the Ellwood Marine Terminal and crude oil barging for each of the noted issue areas, the pipeline project significant environmental benefits.
3. The Coastal Act and County Coastal policies all recognize the environmental benefits of pipeline transportation and mandate pipeline use over all other modes of transportation where feasible.
4. Transport by pipeline represents a significant reduction in air emissions from transport by sea-going barge.
5. The National oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in the United States Coast Pilot advisory has determined the endemic offshore fog on sea transport route from Ellwood Marine Terminal to Los Angeles presents a “persistent navigational hazard” that use of the pipeline will immediately avoid.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.