

January 12, 2011

Mr. Nick Sramek
President - Board of Harbor Commissioners
Port of Long Beach
925 Harbor Plaza
P.O. Box 570
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RE: We want to run on your bridge...

Dear Mr. Sramek,

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A Running Experience Club in Long Beach, with a 2010 membership of 465 people, is supportive of separated pedestrian and bicycle access on the new Gerald Desmond Bridge. Many of our runners are triathletes who also cycle, and are interested to train in Palos Verdes. This bridge is the first step to create a direct route from Downtown Long Beach to San Pedro and the Palos Verdes peninsula.

We believe that a running trail / pedestrian walkway from Downtown Long Beach would be utilized by short and long distance runners as a great training route, with the advantage of a 250 foot hill climb affording stunning views of the harbor and sunrise and sunsets across San Pedro Bay. We can envision running races that traverse the Port of Long Beach and the two amazing bridges. What a great way to show off the Port of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

This bridge also will create a much safer link to the LA River Trail for pedestrians, runners and cyclists. If you install nice pathways, we think runners and cyclists will use them.

We strongly urge the Board of Harbor Commissioners to include separated biking and walking facilities in this important bridge project.

Sincerely,



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