



What You Should Know About the Port of Hueneme and TRAINS!



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What is New to the Area

The Port of Hueneme is in a new partnership with auto customers which involves running trains to and from the Naval Base of Ventura County, through the Cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard and to inland U.S. destinations. We are excited about the opportunity this business is providing to the community, Port customers and other important stakeholders.

Who is Involved

The tracks are owned by the Port of Hueneme (Oxnard Harbor District) and the railroad is serviced by Ventura County Railroad (VCRR), which is owned by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (G&W), a short line railroad operator. G&W's safety record rate (for injury-frequency) in 2016 was five times better than the short line peer group average and better than any Class I railroad for the eighth consecutive year.

Why the Horns?

The sounding of train horns is a necessary factor in keeping these high safety standards; horns give warning to rail employees and to the general public when a train is approaching -- in fact, it is a federal law to sound horns at road crossings. The Port takes pride in serving as integral part of the community fabric and strives to be a "good neighbor." We are exploring how to work with the Federal Railroad Administration to set up quiet zones to lessen impacts.

How the Community Benefits

These increased volumes create new jobs for the local economy -- approximately 18 direct jobs have already been created because of the new service. The service will generate \$2.3M in new payroll and over 50 new, good-paying jobs. This does not even factor in ILWU longshoremen jobs!

The Port is a proven leader in environmental stewardship, being the first port to earn Green Marine certification from a third party environmental validator. We speak to our sustainability goals in both our 2020 Strategic Plan and Environmental Framework. The rail activity will lessen the impact of trucks on the roads and in communities -- for example, 800 autos can be transported on a train, where a truck can often only accommodate 8 autos. Every trainload of that amount would eliminate 100 trucks from the road.

We will continue to work with you to assist the community with any questions and are excited to partner with you to grow mutual sustainable opportunities. Please contact us to learn more about this new rail economic activity.

