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## **Port of Long Beach - Fueling the Economy During a Global Pandemic**

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COVID-19 has impacted the health, economic welfare and daily lives of everyone around the world in ways that no one anticipated. As virtually every sector of the economy shut down, operations remained open at the Port of Long Beach, the premier U.S. gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and sustainability. Executive Director Mario Cordero will discuss how the nation's second-busiest seaport kept cargo moving to facilitate a speedy economic recovery during this unprecedented time in history. The Port serves 175 shipping lines with connections to 217 seaports around the world. Goods moving through the Port reach every U.S. congressional district. Moving forward, the Port of Long Beach is continuing an ambitious, industry-leading capital improvement program to build some of the most modern, efficient marine facilities in the world. Over the next decade, the Port plans to invest USD \$1 billion in rail improvements that will speed the flow of goods across the country while reducing local road traffic. The Port of Long Beach prides itself on its culture of excellent customer service and the strong relationships it maintains with industry, community, environmental advocates and partner agencies. Industry leaders named the Port of Long Beach "The Best West Coast Seaport in North America" in 2019.