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# **Automated Container Terminal Design at the Port of Los Angeles**

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# AUTOMATED CARGO TERMINALS





# The San Pedro Bay Port Complex







# Port of Los Angeles at a Glance

- Founded in 1907
- Non-taxpayer supported
- Landlord business model
- 7,500 acres land and water
- 43 miles of waterfront
- 270 berths and 27 cargo terminals



Harbor Department  
Administration  
Bldg.



Downtown Los Angeles City Hall

# Diversity at the Port



- Cruise
- Fishing
- Marinas
- Containerized cargo
- Non-containerized cargo
- Commercial/Retail

## TOP TRADING PARTNERS

1. China (\$92.5 billion)
2. Japan (\$22.3 billion)
3. Taiwan (\$7.4 billion)
4. South Korea (\$5.7 billion)
5. Thailand (\$5.2 billion)





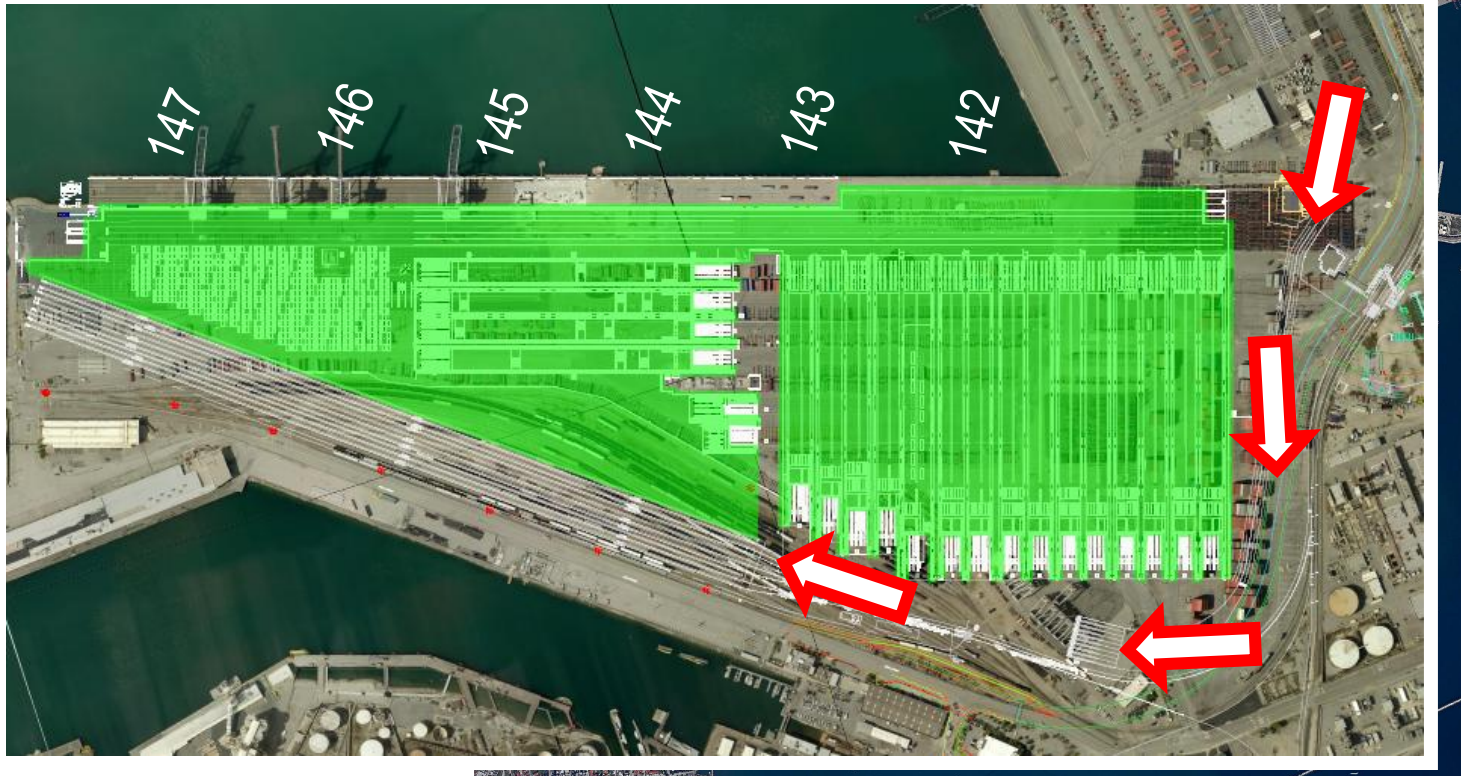
# 2013 Port of Los Angeles Container Terminals



**Current Container  
Terminal Area =  
approx. 1700 acres**



# TraPac Container Terminal



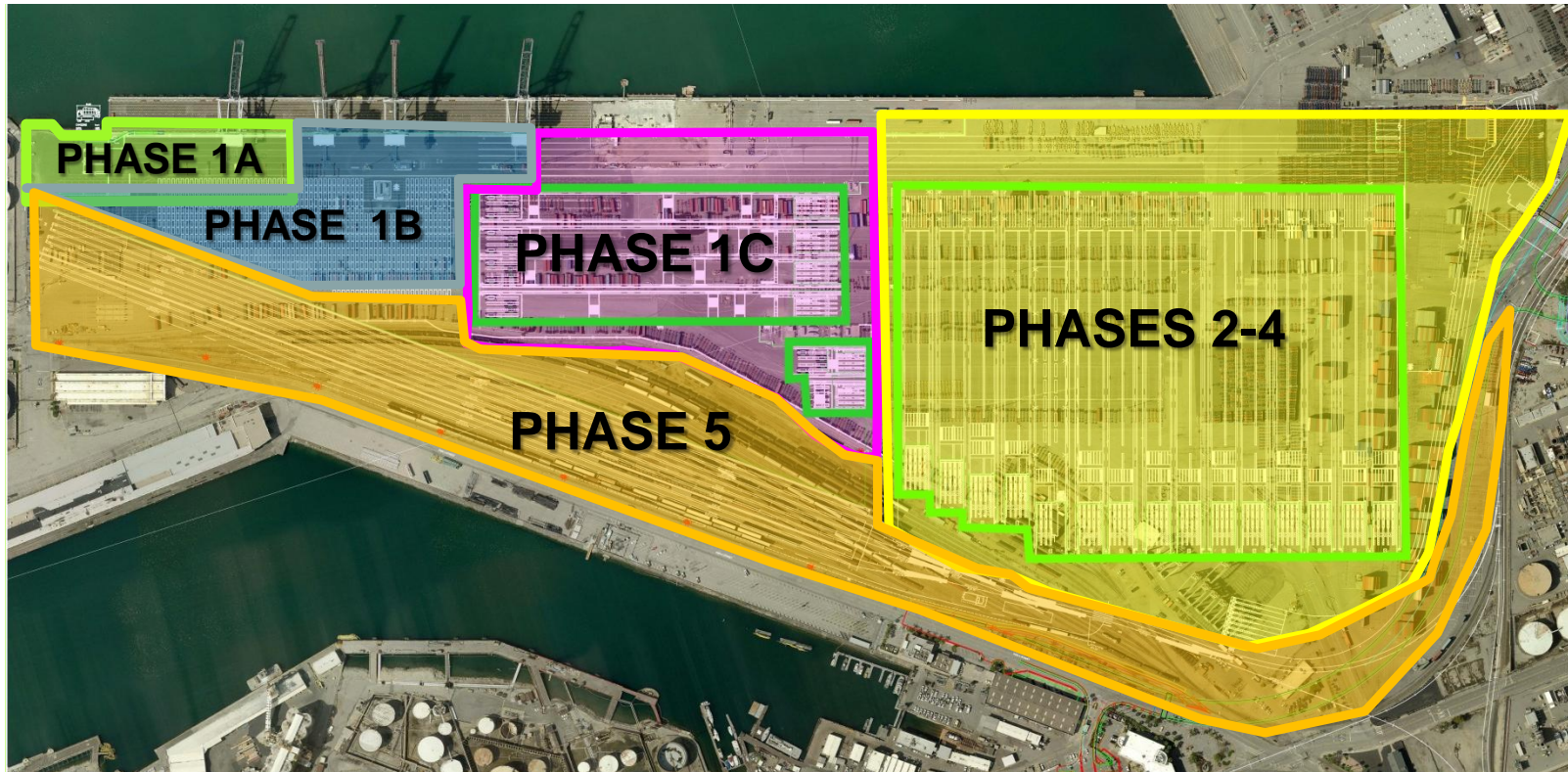


# Why Automate?

- **Efficient (High Productivity)**
- **Maximizes the Utilization of Yard Capacity**
- **Cost Effective**
- **Environmental Friendly**
- **Helps the West Coast Stay Competitive**



# TraPac



- SCOPE:**
- 134 Acres
  - Project Cost = \$303 M
  - 21 Automated Stacking Rows
  - On-Dock Rail Yard
  - 5 Construction Phases
  - Phase 1C Complete 2014

- Total Equipment:
  - 39 – 8 Wide Automated Stacking Cranes (ASCs)
  - 1 – 10 Wide ASC
  - 17 – Automated Shuttle Carriers
  - 2 Rail Mounted Gantry Cranes
- Throughput 1.6 M TEU

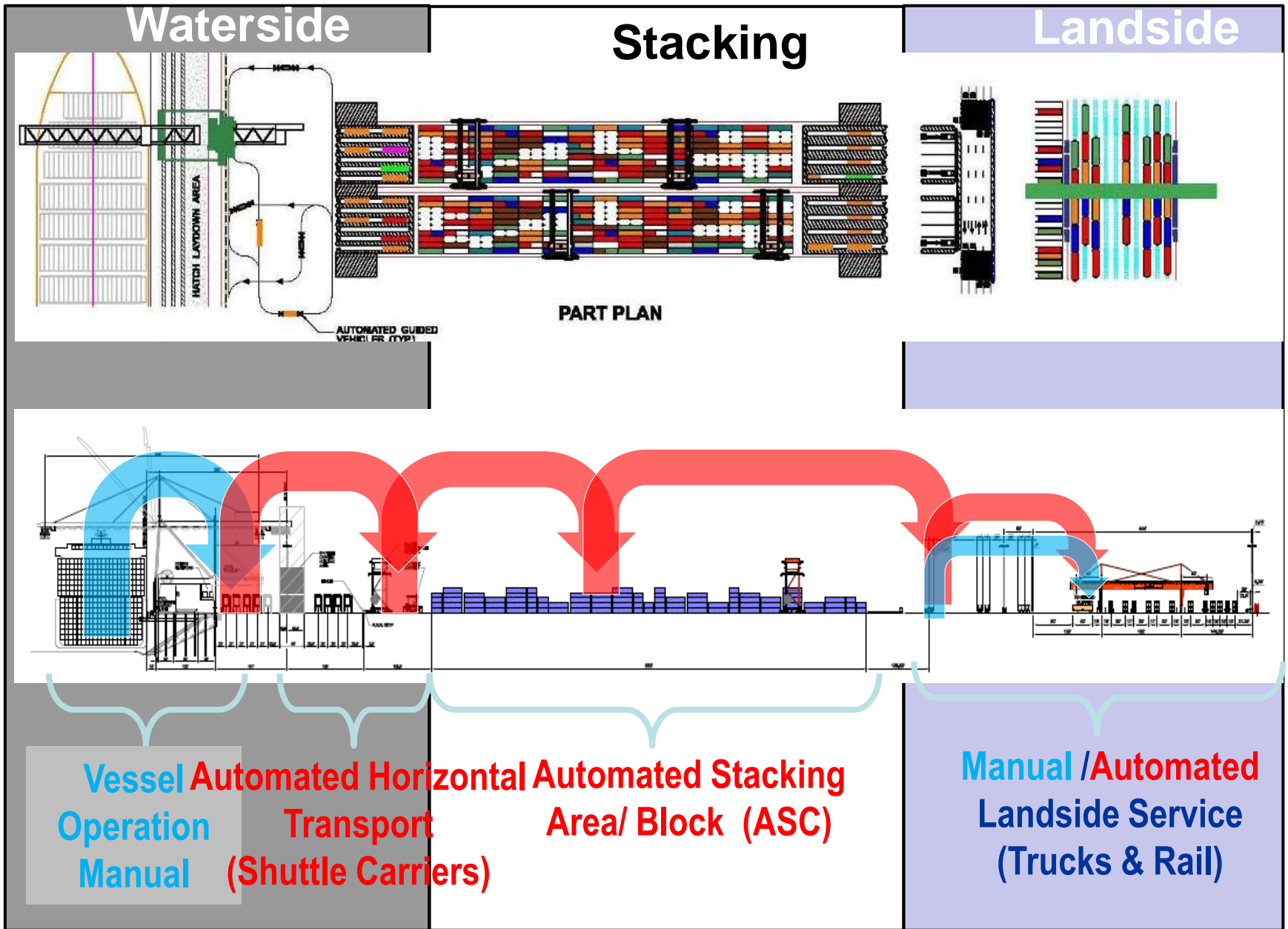
# Site Constraints

- Operating Terminal
- Irregular Shape
- Existing Utilities
- Chemically Impacted Soil
- Precise Manufacturer Parameters
- Phasing (7 Adjacent Construction Projects)





# Automated Operations





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# Horizontal Transport

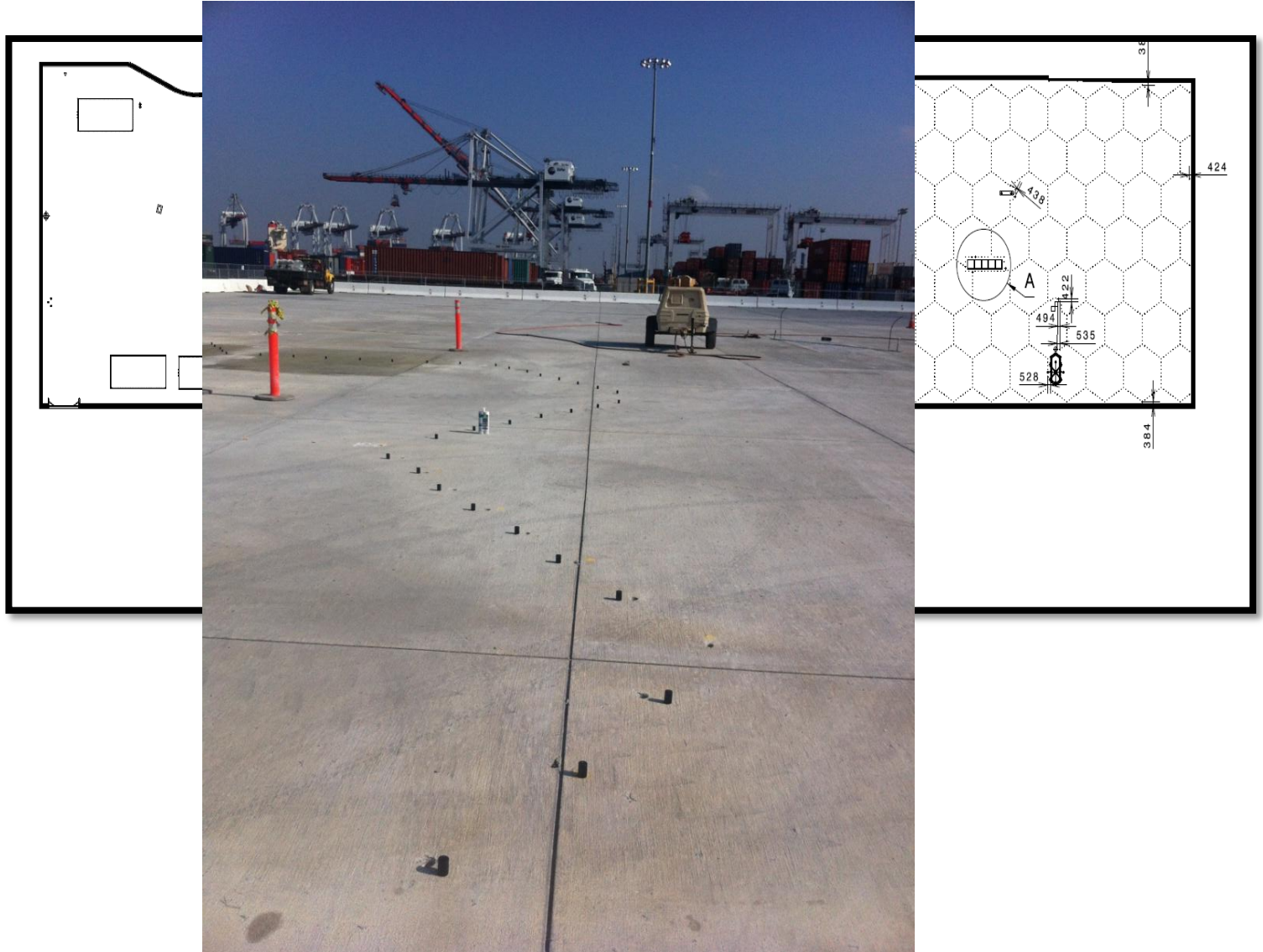
## Automated Shuttle Carrier

**Stacking Ability:**  
1 over 2 High  
**Speed:** 18 MPH  
**Cost:** \$1.7 M



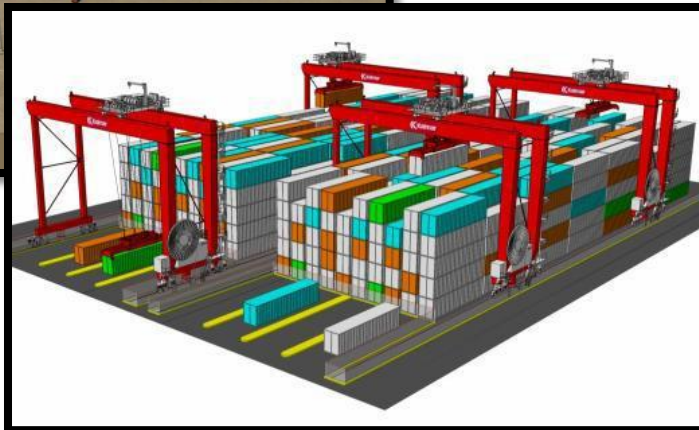
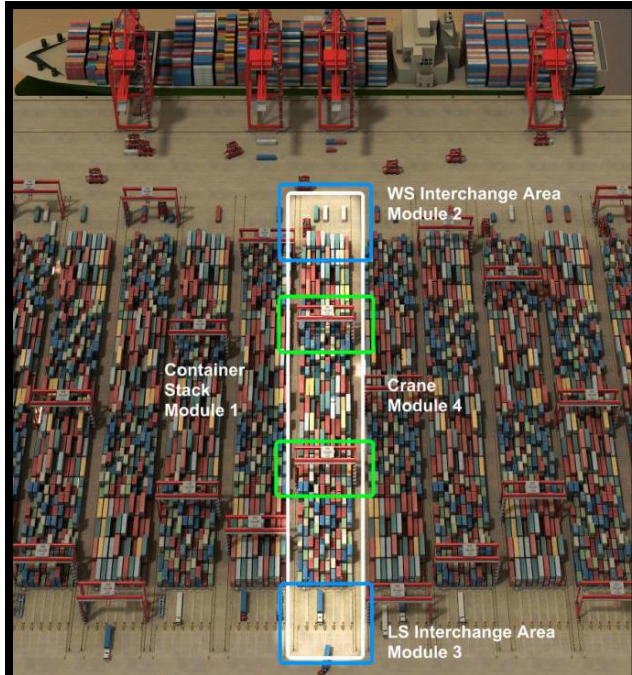
**TraPac: 16 Shuttle Carriers Arrived 11/12**

# Horizontal Transport





# Automated Stacking Cranes (ASC)



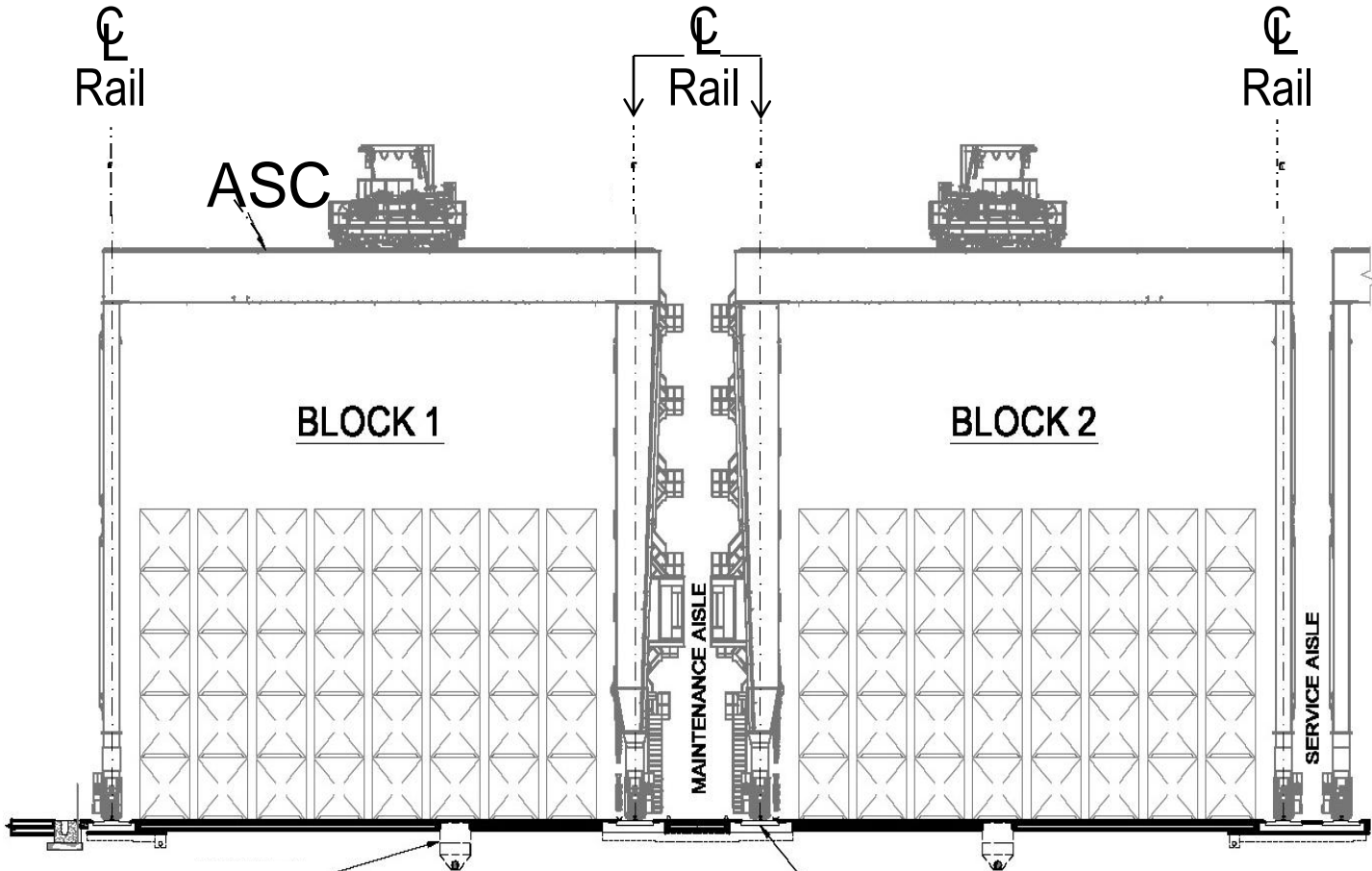
**Core of Stacking Operation:**

**Stacking Ability:**  
1 over 5 containers  
(Stack 6 High)

**Specifications:**  
Dimensions – 78' H X 84' W  
Weight – 230 Tons  
Cost – \$3 M

**Operated by:**  
TOS/TLS

# Design Elements

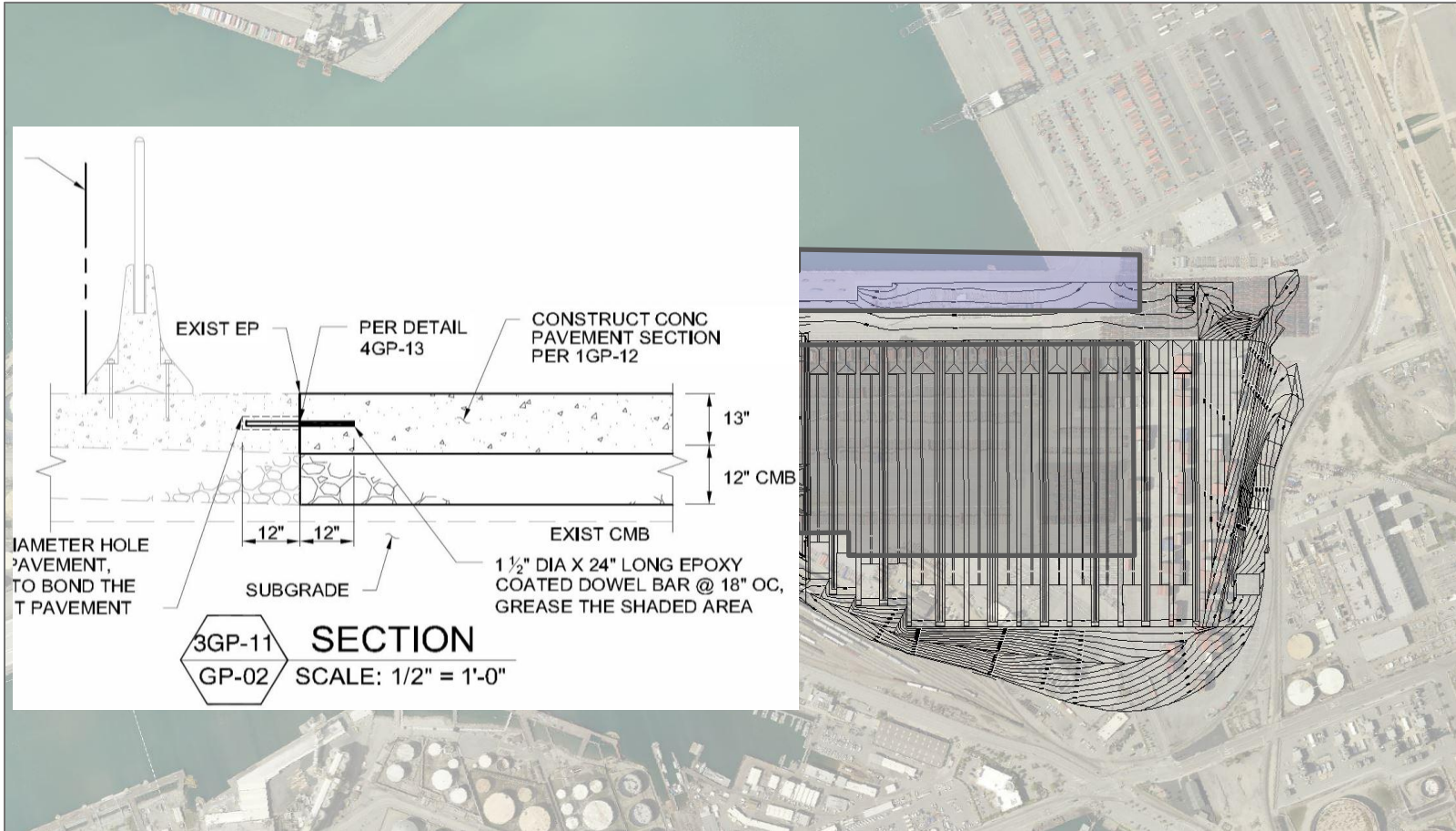


Sand Filter

Crane Rail Supported on  
Concrete Tie & Ballast System



# Grading & Paving Design



**Shuttle Carrier Travel Way: 2% max. slope (1% preferred)**

**Stacking Blocks: 0.25% max. slope**

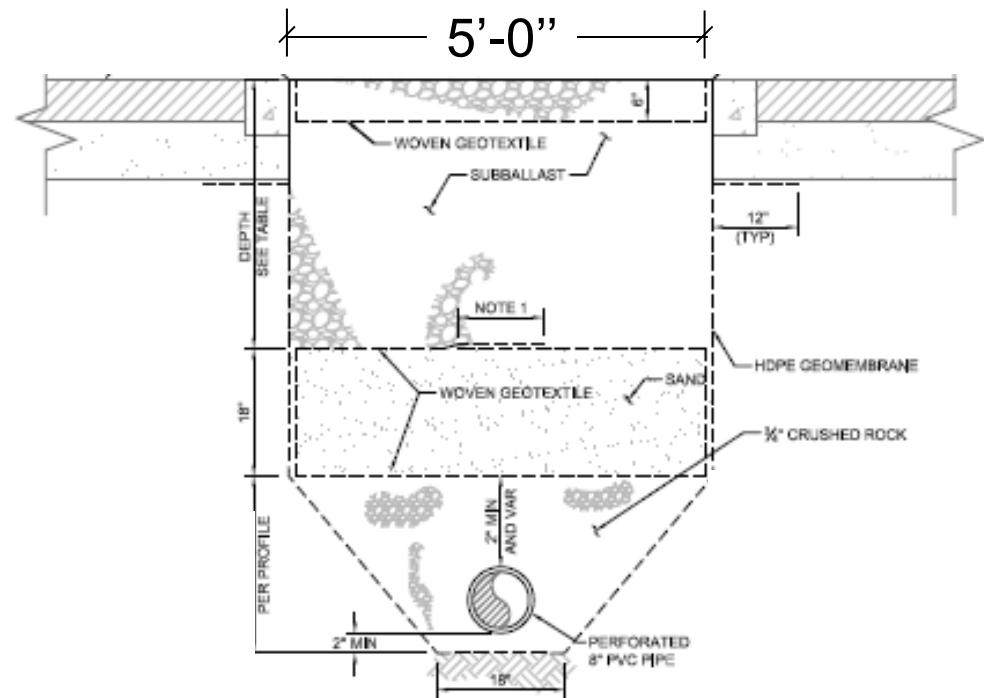
# Drainage Design

## Objective:

- 1) Compliance with City of Los Angeles Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP)
- 2) Drain site without affecting precision of ASC equipment
- 3) No infiltration due to chemically impacted soil

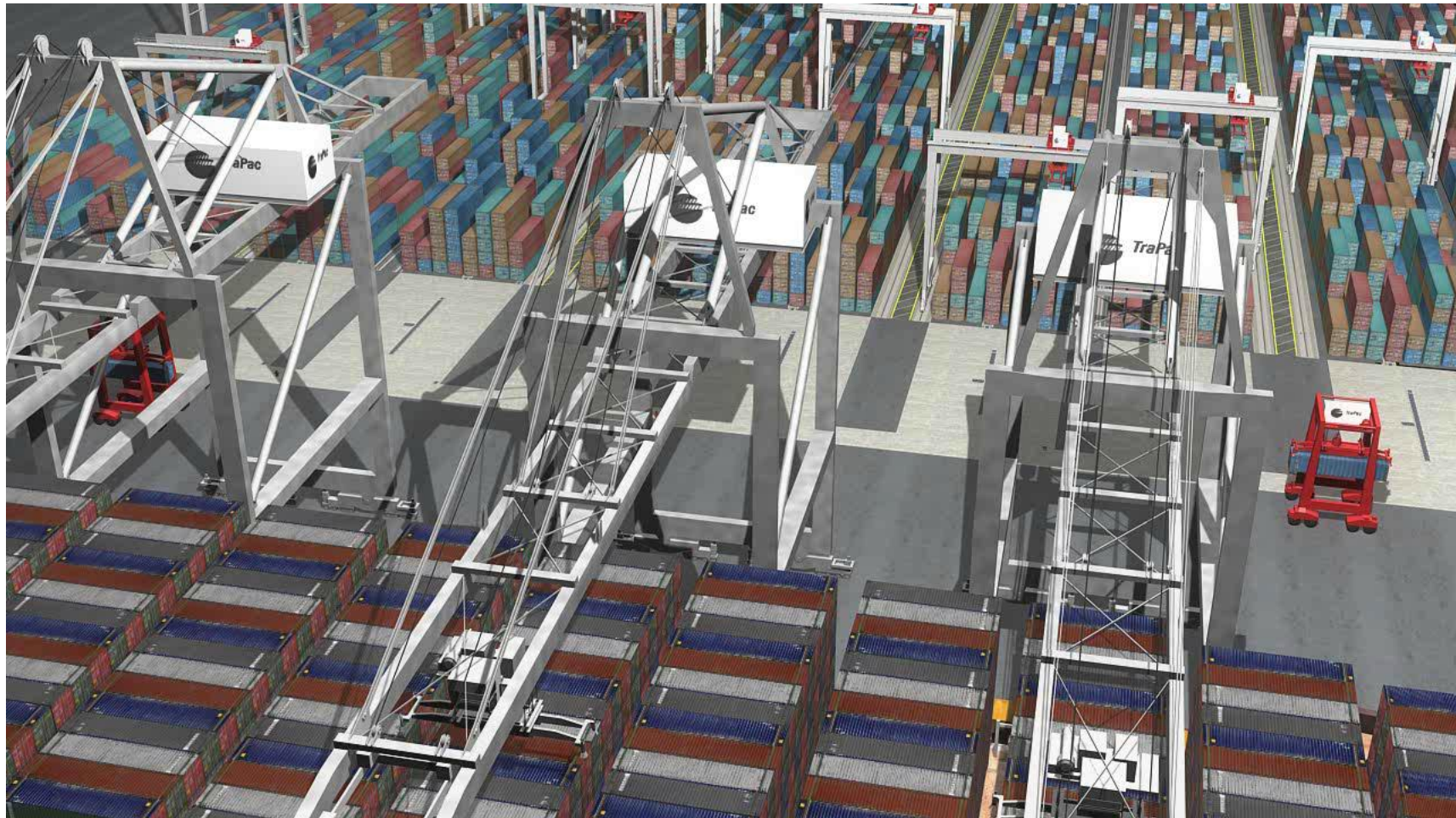
## Implementation:

- SAND FILTERS (81,820 SF)
- Subdrains (~50,000 LF)
- Trench Drains (5200 LF)
- Overflow Trenches
- Filtration Vaults (5)



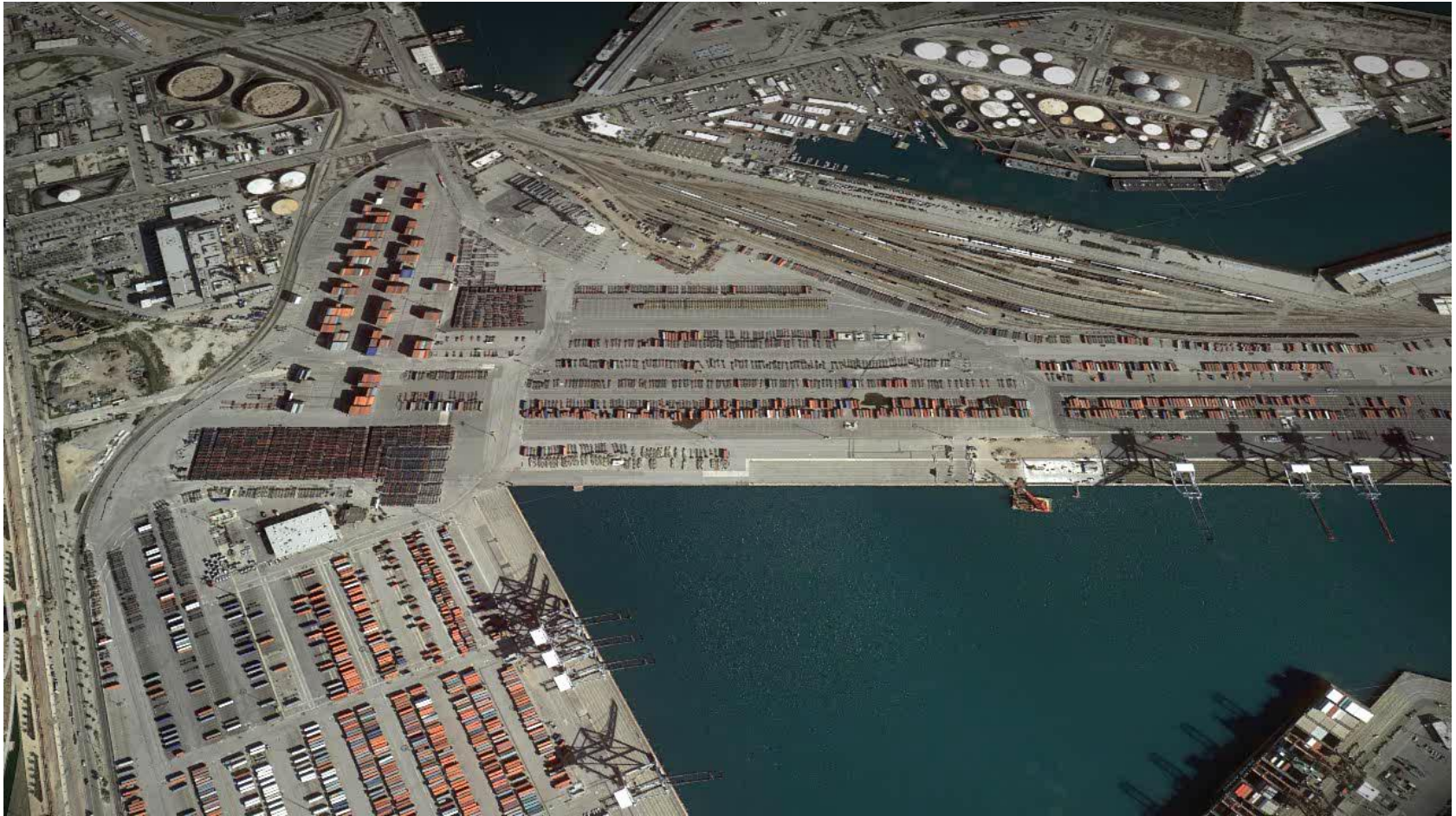


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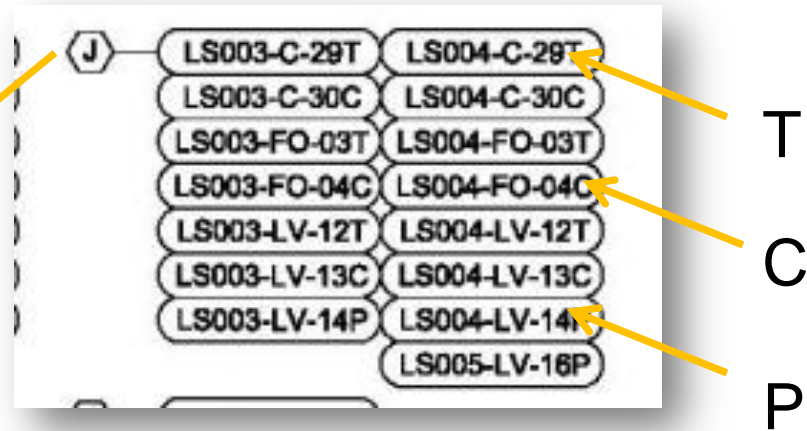
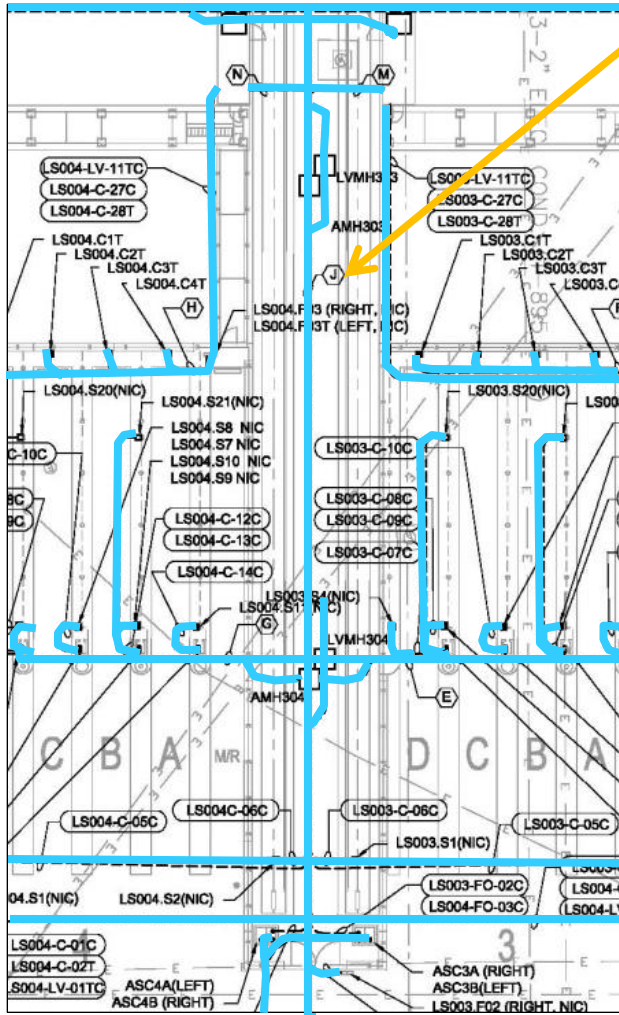
# Electrical Design





# Communication Designation

## NAMING CONVENTION

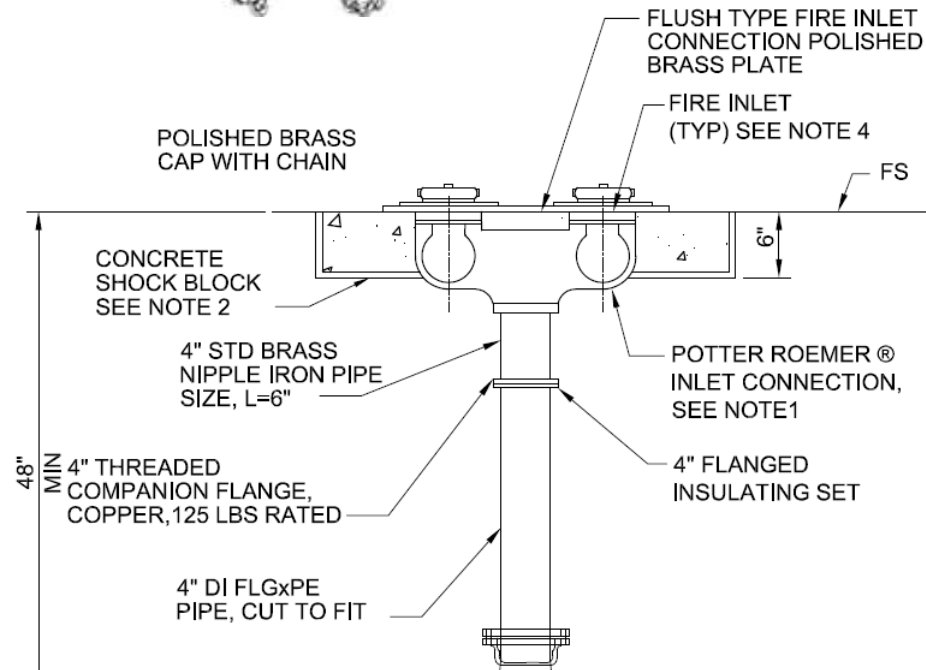


Designation of conduits between Owner (P), Operator (T), and Crane Manufacturer (C) is imperative.

Snapshot represents connection between reefer plugs, landside truck booths, and ASC vaults.

# Water Design

- Service Lanes (4')
- Maintenance Lanes (9'-6")  
Access for mechanics and emergency vehicles only
- Standpipes with valves along service and maintenance lanes every 150'
- Heat sensor cameras placed at each 100' HMP along perimeter







# Lessons Learned

- Paradigm Shift in Container Terminal Design
- Early Expectations from ALL Stakeholders
- Crane Equipment, Operations & Civil Design are Integrated
- Development of New Standards
- Communication is Key!



**Thank you !!**