

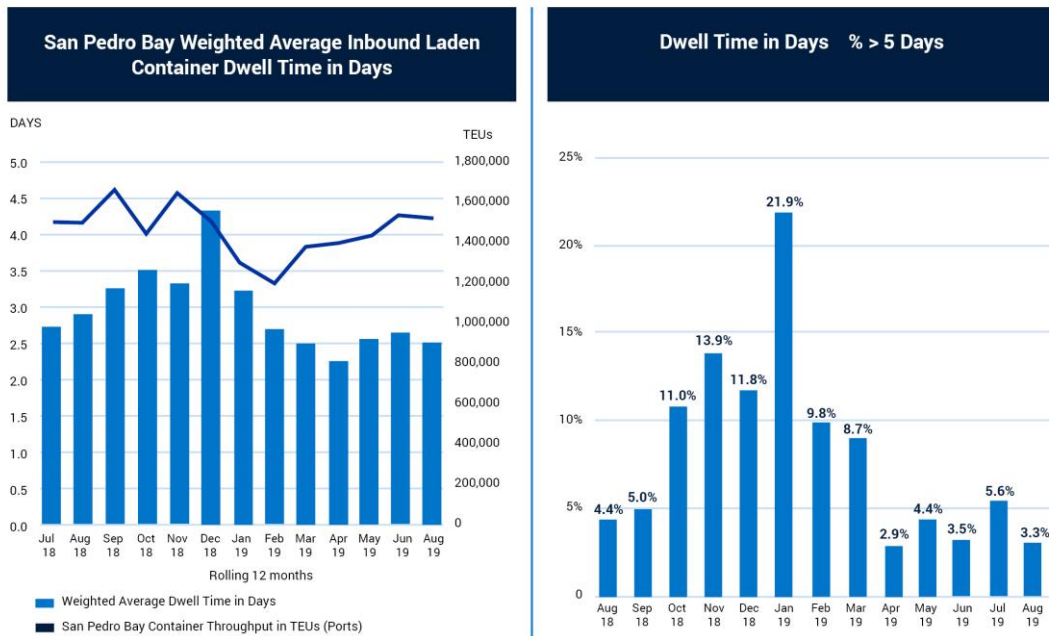
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 24, 2019

Contact: Jessica Alvarenga
jalvarenga@pmsasip.com
562-432-4042

Cargo Moving Efficiently Through San Pedro Bay Ports

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay ports was low for the month of August – and one of the lowest dwell times for the past 12 months. On average, containers remained at terminals for 2.53 days before getting picked up; down from 2.66 days in July and 2.55 days the month before. “The data we gather is important when looking at the larger picture of cargo fluidity. It’s a good metric that measures overall efficiency because it tells us containers are getting picked up rapidly throughout the San Pedro Port complex,” explained Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

The amount of containers staying at terminals for long periods of time was also down for the month of August. Only 3.3% of containers remained at terminals for five or more days before getting picked up for its destination; down from 5.6% in July and 3.5% the month before. “Containers that aren’t picked up in a timely fashion become a problem when they get stuck in piles of newly arrived containers, causing a re-shuffling of containers every time a truck arrives to take a container caught in the bottom of a pile,” said Alvarenga.



###

About the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) is an independent, not-for-profit association focused on global trade. PMSA operates offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle, and represents owners and operators of marine terminals and U.S. and foreign vessels operating throughout the world.