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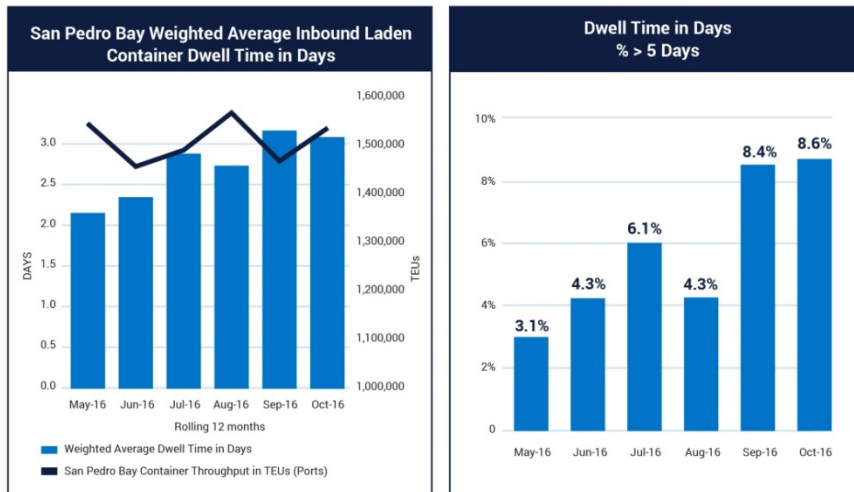
Dwell times slightly decrease as container traffic increases at San Pedro Bay ports

Average dwell times decreased slightly even as container throughput increased at San Pedro Bay’s ports in October, according to data collected by the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA). Although the average dwell time decreased, the number of containers stored at terminals for longer than five days went up.

“Dwell time” is the period between when a container is off-loaded from a ship on to a terminal and when it is picked up for transit by truck.

Dwell time is an increasingly watched industry metric because delays set off a domino effect throughout the supply chain, according to PMSA President John McLaurin. “Of concern is the increase in the number of containers that stay on the terminals over five days before being picked up. We want to see those containers move quickly so they don’t stack up which makes them hard to access and can require multiple unproductive moves. That slows productivity which impacts everybody.”

Container dwell time slightly dips but those over 5 days increasing



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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.