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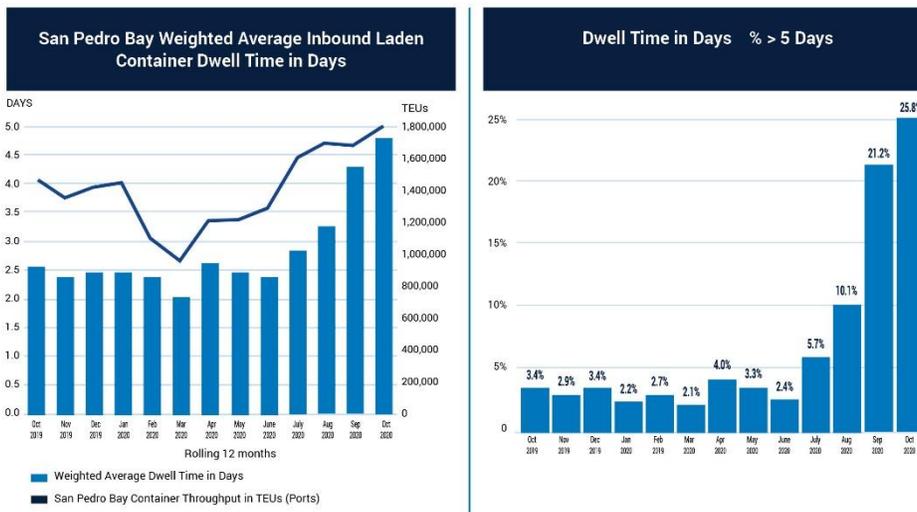
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Container Dwell Time at Its Highest in October

The pandemic-influenced surge in volumes continues at San Pedro Bay ports, continuing to impact container dwell time. For the fourth consecutive month, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have handled over 1.6 million TEUs (Twenty Foot Equivalent Units). All parts of the supply chain are dealing with this surge in volume causing constraints on chassis, trucks and warehouse capacity. This constraint has backed up to the marine terminals where containers are staying longer. During the month of October, containers remained at terminals for an average of 4.78 days – the longest average period since PMSA began tracking this data in 2016.

The number of containers that exceeded five days at terminals before departing also hit an all time high. 25.8% of containers remained at terminals for more than five days, up from the 21.2% the month before.

“Terminal operators at San Pedro Bay ports have been moving millions of containers every month, and they need containers to get picked up in a reasonable timeframe to keep operations flowing smoothly,” stated Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. Vessels continue arriving, terminals continue unloading them, and they do not have the storage space to allow containers to use terminals as storage facilities. Marine terminals are a transit facility and containers must leave within a few days so cargo can flow efficiently. “Terminal operators, in partnership with the ILWU, have been doing an exceptional job handling the unexpected influx of containers, but longer container dwell times negatively impact everyone in the supply chain.”



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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.