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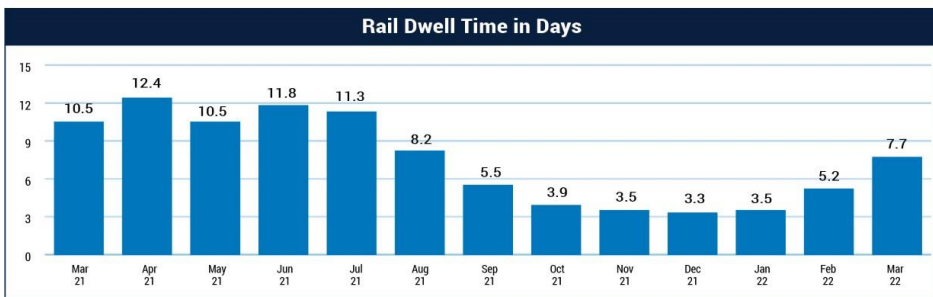
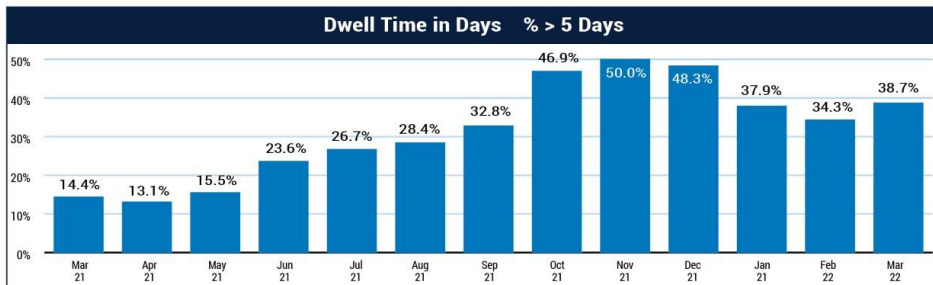
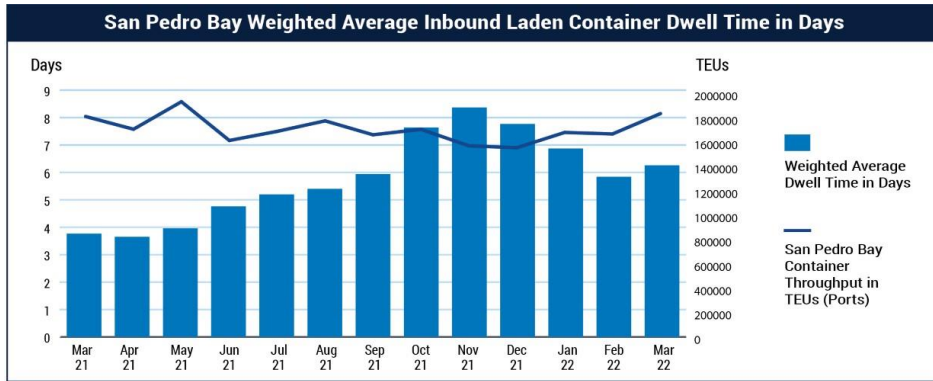
Container Dwell Time Up Again Through March

Container dwell time increased once again at San Pedro Bay ports for the month of March.

Container dwell time – the amount of time a container stays at a marine terminal after it is unloaded from an ocean carrier and taken off the premises by a truck or by rail – is an important metric for measuring the efficiency of the flow of containers through the ports.

In March, containers leaving on trucks remained on terminals for an average of 6.26 days, up from 5.84 days the month before. Dwell time for containers leaving on rail increased by more than two days with an average of 7.7 days in March, up from 5.2 days the month before. Pre-pandemic, dwell time rarely exceeded three days.

“Dwell time was already higher than usual and the increase in March did not help,” explained Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. “Every part of the supply chain is being impacted by the delays, but it is important to continue moving cargo as efficiently as possible to ensure that people continue receiving goods at their doorsteps and shelves remain stocked,” Alvarenga encouraged.



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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.