



## Port of Benicia

### Port Address

1997 Elm Road, Benicia, CA 94510

### Port Website

[http://www.worldportsource.com/ports/USA\\_CA\\_Port\\_of\\_Benicia\\_765.php](http://www.worldportsource.com/ports/USA_CA_Port_of_Benicia_765.php)

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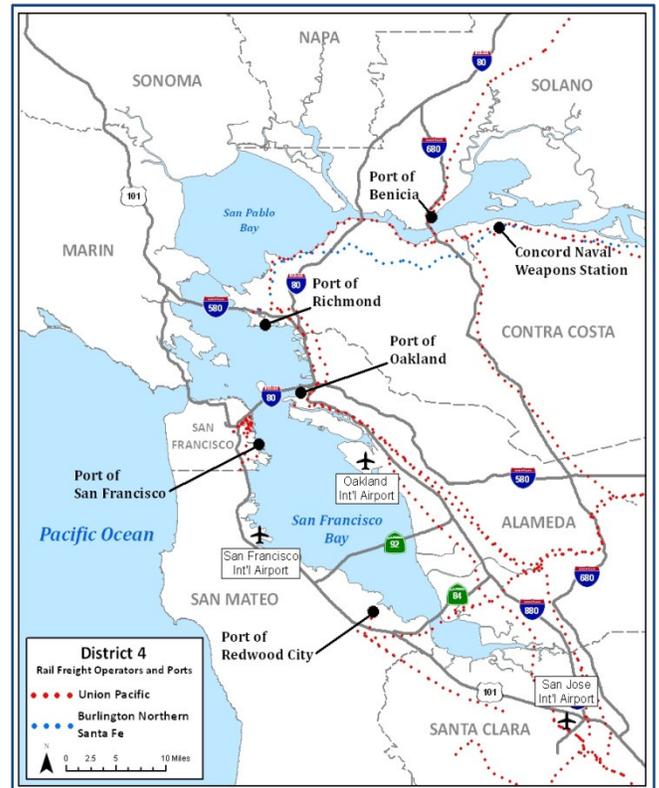
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The deep water Port of Benicia is located in Solano County on the north side of the Carquinez Strait, approximately 19 miles northeast of the Port of Oakland and 25 miles northeast of the Port of San Francisco. Water access is via the Golden Gate and San Pablo Bay. Inland transportation access to the Port is via I-680 and I-80.

Benicia has been part of California history since the 1800s. Major changes occurred in the early 1960s when the Benicia Arsenal, a U.S. Army Base, was closed and the Benicia-Martinez Bridge was completed. The City of Benicia converted the arsenal grounds into an industrial park, which eventually produced more revenue for the City than the Army Base. The Benicia Industrial park lies to the northeast of the residential areas of the City and includes the Valero oil refinery. The completion of the bridge helped to facilitate residential development in Benicia as a suburb of the San Francisco-Oakland metropolitan area.

The Port is privately owned and operated by APS West Coast, Inc. AMPORTS, a leader in the vehicle processing industry, operates the terminal facilities at Benicia, as well as at the Port of Hueneme and eight other seaports on the U.S. East Coast and in Mexico. AMPORTS' State Tidelands lease at this Port ends in 2032.



### PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Channel depth	38 feet
Deepwater berths	3
Area	667 acres
Vehicle processing	140,000 square feet.
Deepwater pier	2,400 feet
Benicia Industrial Park	4,000 acres
Rail access	On-terminal

### PORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS

#### Imports

Automobiles

#### Exports

Petroleum coke (Valero)

#### Major Trading Partners

Japan, South Korea, and Australia

# Freight Planning Fact Sheet

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## PORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS (cont'd.)

The Port handles neo-bulk and dry bulk cargos.

- Automobiles processed through the Port include General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, and Toyota
- The Port is the Northern California hub for the domestic distribution of Fords and Chryslers
- All Toyotas that are delivered to Northern California are processed from this Port
- CODA Automotive, Inc. began assembly of all-electric cars on March 13, 2012, creating 50 new jobs at the AMPORT facility
- The Port has sufficient acreage for bulk cargo operations and storage

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK & INTERMODAL CONNECTIONS

### Highway Access Routes

Major State Highway System routes serving the Port include I-680, I-780, I-80, and SR-4.

The Port is located near the junction of I-680 and I-780, with highway access approximately one mile from I-680.

### Freight Rail

- Union Pacific (UP) Railroad operates two rail lines and provides transcontinental services
- UP provides on-terminal rail that can service 170 multi-level railcars simultaneously

## CONSTRAINTS AND ISSUES

- Dredging to maintain ship channels
- Navigation channel is limited to 35 feet, restricting the size and type of vessels that can call on the port

## SOURCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ABAG: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/>

American Association of Port Authorities: <http://www.aapa-ports.org/home.cfm>

BAAQMD: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/>

BCDC: <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/>

CARB: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>

Change in Motion – Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area, Final April 2009, MTC:  
[http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/2035\\_plan/FINAL/T2035\\_Plan-Final.pdf](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/2035_plan/FINAL/T2035_Plan-Final.pdf)

City of Benicia: <http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/>

San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan, MTC and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), January 2007: <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/pdf/seaport/seaport.pdf>

Solano County: <http://www.co.solano.ca.us/>

Solano Transportation Authority: <http://www.sta.ca.gov/>

- Worldwide economic recession negatively impacted the automotive industry
- Insufficient flat backland for container terminal development

## CALTRANS FOCUS AREAS

- Environmental and community concerns
- Freight congestion on I-80
- Freight corridor high pavement damage

## Planning Documents

- San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan, BCDC, April 18, 1996, amended January 2007
- San Francisco Bay Plan, BCDC, amended October 6, 2011
- Change in Motion – Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area; ABAG, BAAQMD, BCDC, Final April 2009
- Strategic Plan FY 2009-2011, City of Benicia

## Transportation Planning Partners

- Alameda County Local Transportation Commission
- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Maritime Administration
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency