

7TH STREET GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OAKLAND

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), in cooperation with the Port of Oakland (Port), proposes to construct the 7th Street Grade Separation West (7SGSW) project, the 7th Street Grade Separation East (7SGSE) project, and the Oakland Freight Intelligent Transportation System (FITS) project. These transportation improvements would support a significant mode shift from truck to rail and also enable smart solutions to manage operations and improve safety with the Port. As one of the busiest container ports in the United States, these improvements would help to maintain and expand the Port's global competitiveness, sustain its future growth potential and operational efficiency, and support regional economic development and growth strategies.



In accordance with Caltrans guidance, Baseline is preparing the Initial Site Assessments (ISAs) for the 7SGSE, 7SGSW, and FITs projects. The purpose of these assessments is to identify and evaluate the level of risk associated with hazardous materials, hazardous waste, and/or contamination at each site that could potentially be disturbed during construction activities.

As an environmental consultant to the Port through as-needed contacts or through their legal department for over 30 years, as well as an Environmental Program Manager on behalf of the Port for the former OAB for over 15 years, Baseline has extensive knowledge of the land use history and status of environmental conditions in the vicinity of the 7th Street Grade Separation Project. The project areas have been used intensively for commercial and industrial operations for over 100 years, including handling of hazardous materials throughout the area and transportation of hazardous materials along railroad tracks, railroad yards, and roadways. As a result, there have been many documented and potentially undocumented spills and leaks of hazardous materials in the project vicinity. Based on the findings of each assessment, Baseline is identifying feasible mitigation measures to ensure hazardous materials encountered during construction are properly managed, reused, and/or disposed.

