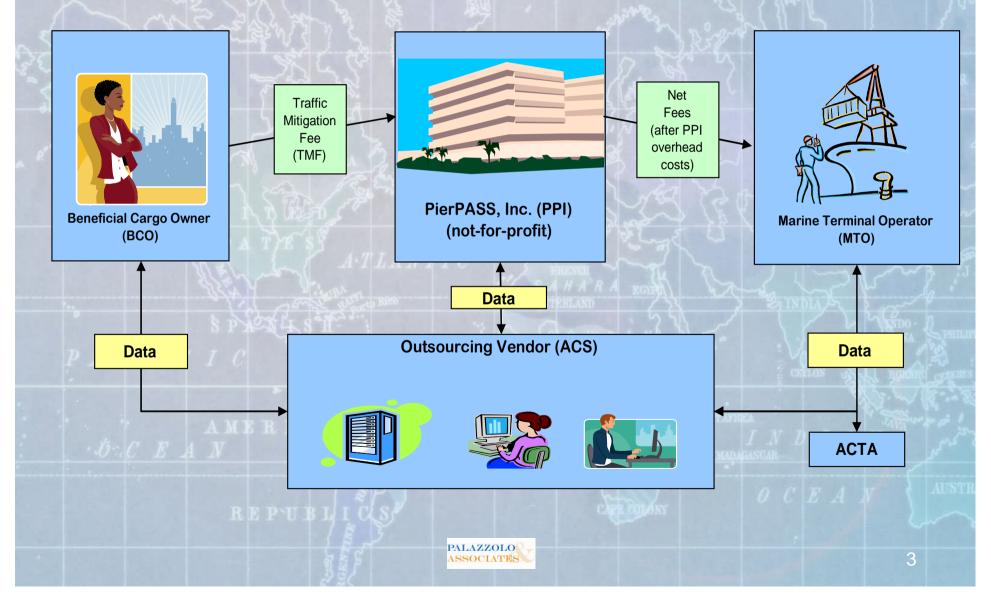
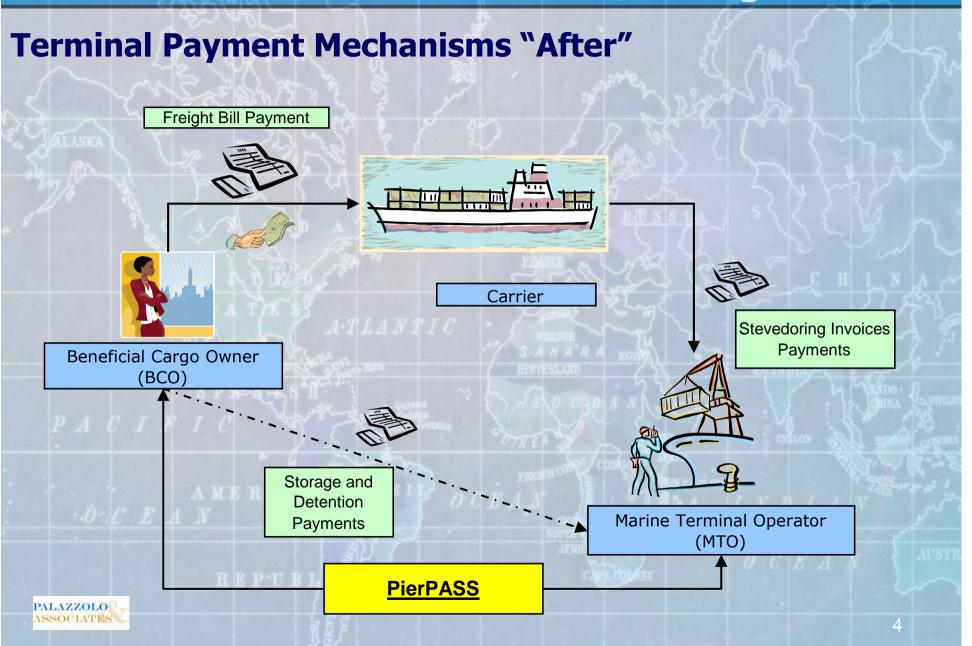


#### **PierPASS Data & Funds Flows**





#### **What is PierPASS?**

- PierPASS is a system to:
  - Collect fees
  - On a large scale
  - From cargo owners
  - To pay terminal operators/stevedores
  - Directly
- In order to:
  - Extend hours of operation, port wide
  - Reduce port congestion / pollution
  - Provide market-based solutions to public problems



#### What is PierPASS, continued:

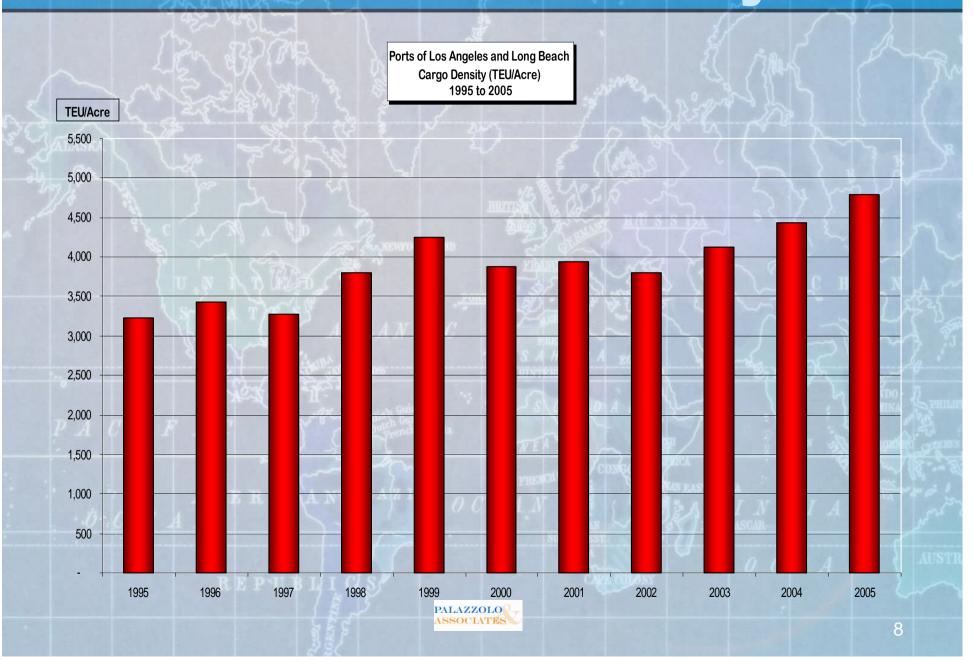
- Details:
  - Traffic Mitigation Fee (TMF) charged for "peak period" gate moves
  - TMF compensates cost of program
  - Only on loaded containers
  - TMF is cost-based and subject to adjustment
     All rail moves are exempt
  - "Off-Peak" is 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Monday through Thursday, and Saturday



#### Why was PierPASS necessary?

- 2004 LA/Long Beach "melt-down"
  - Supply chain disruption
  - Labor shortages/land limitations
  - Larger vessels
- The situation was only going to get worse!
- Port communities in an uproar
  - Threat of political intervention
- No means to pay for night gates





- Project Challenges
  - •12 Different MTO
  - BCO Volume unknown
  - In vs. Outsourcing
  - No COTS solution
  - Time pressures
  - No Industry knowledge
  - Huge volumes and paperless requirement
  - Legal constraints

- Resolution
  - EDI Audit
  - Scenario modeling
  - Business Modeling
  - Technology evaluation
  - Proj. Mgt. Assistance
  - Outside Expertise
  - Thorough requirements writing



#### **Success!**

- PierPASS projected 20% shift to off peak
- Actual shift exceeded 30% at start
- Currently at 40% off peak

"In Southern California, the PierPASS system has performed better than anyone expected, shifting 40% of all the containers moving through Los Angeles-Long Beach to offpeak hours and causing terminal operators to wonder if 45% can be achieved. 'PierPASS was a major change in the way we do business. It created system capacity,' Tilden¹ said"

-Tirschwell, Peter. "A Mixed Picture" <u>Journal of Commerce</u> March 13, 2006: page 54

<sup>1</sup> Doug Tilden, Chief Executive, Marine Terminals Corp.



#### Why should you care?











#### Why should you care?

- Port congestion spreading to other U.S. ports
  - Trade growing 5 to 8% per year
  - Environmental, "NIMBY" and other community pressures limit port growth
- BCO interest in "round-the-clock" operations
- Port Security and other cost recoveries

#### **About Palazzolo & Associates:**

- Financial and Management Consulting Firm
- Specialized in the Transportation Industry
- •Services include:

• IT Services including System Design, Requirements, Software Selection, Contract Negotiation, and Implementation	Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) including Assessment of Acquisition/Merger Candidates, Due Diligence Examinations and Post-Acquisition/Merger Integration
Profit and Process Improvement     Projects	Project Management
Business Strategy and Planning	Temporary CFO and Controllership     Assignments
"Turn-Around" & Reorganization Projects	Litigation Consulting and Alternative     Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services



#### **About Palazzolo & Associates (continued):**

- 3 CPA's and 1 CMC with over 50 years of transportation industry experience
- Clients include:
  - PierPASS
  - Matson Navigation Company and Matson Terminals
  - Marine Terminals Corporation
  - Pacific Maritime Association (PMA)
  - Coastal Transportation, Inc.
  - Foss Maritime

