

**PierPASS:** Solving port related truck congestion at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

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## Agenda

- Southern California's port challenge the problem they are trying to solve
- What is PierPASS?
- How does it work?
- What are the results?
- Why is PierPASS significant?



#### Southern California's Freight Challenge

- Los Angeles and Long Beach are one of the nation's largest port complexes
  - 40 percent of U.S. imports
- Traffic congestion is the worst in the nation
  - Los Angeles Long Beach Santa Ana ranks first in traveler delays among very large urban areas
  - Riverside San Bernardino ranks first among large urban areas



#### **PierPASS Overview**

#### **Port-Related Problems: Capacity Constraints** Congestion Pollution **Innovative Solution:** Traffic mitigation fee to pay for extended hours of port operations Use peak-hour fee to shift truck traffic to new off-peak hours 6 pm to 3 am Monday-Friday PIER PASS

#### What is PierPASS?

- PierPASS is a not-for-profit organization created in 2004 by marine terminal operators operating in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach
- The PierPASS charter is to reduce congestion and improve air quality in and around the port region

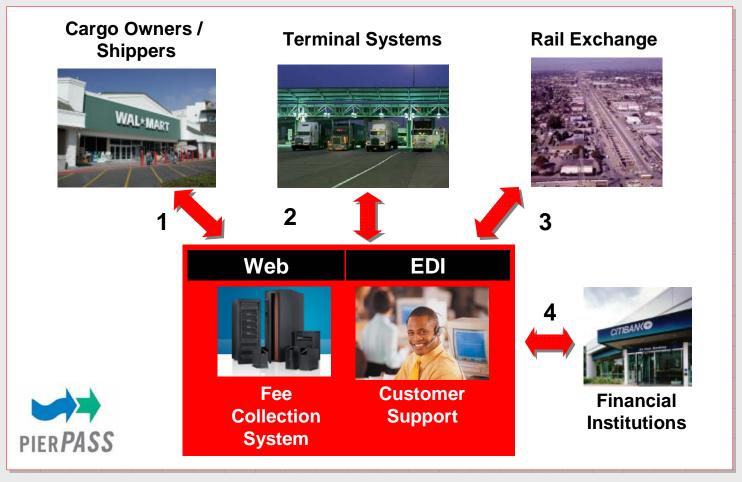


#### What is OffPeak?

- OffPeak is the off-peak hours program created by PierPASS
- Provides an incentive for cargo owners to move cargo by truck at night and on weekends
- Traffic mitigation fees are charged for container moves by truck during designated peak hours – 3:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday
- Fees are waived for truck moves during nonpeak hours and for rail moves



#### **How Does OffPeak Work?**



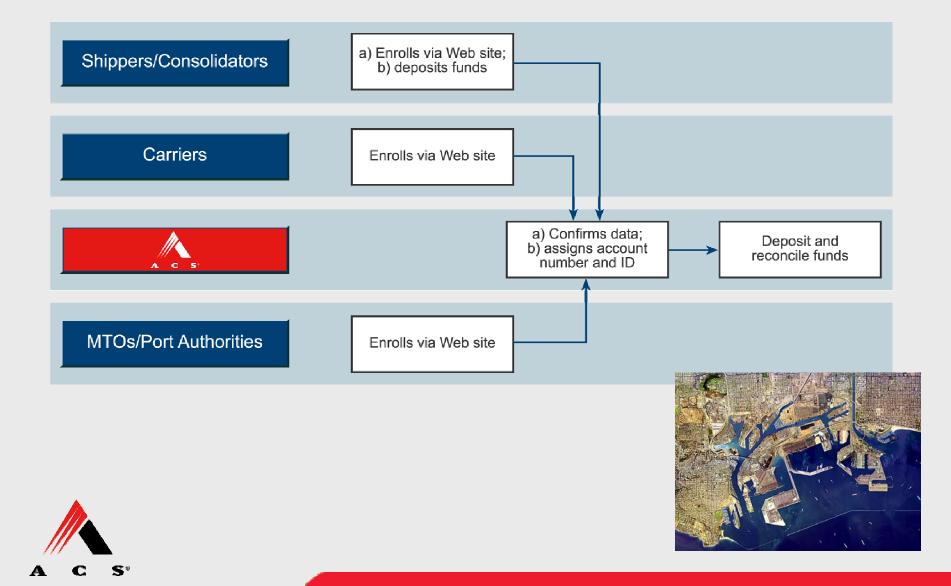
- 1. Shippers enroll on www.pierpass.org
- 2. Terminal systems feed database; shippers identify their containers

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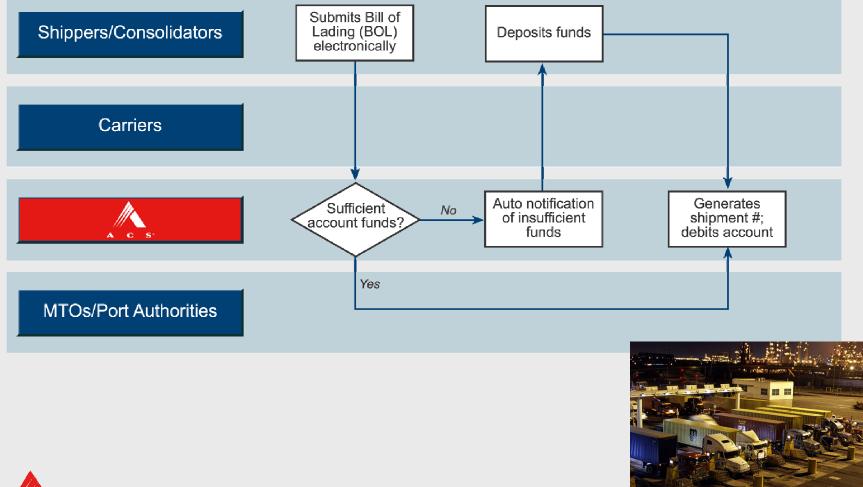
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- 3. Determine if exempt, otherwise collect from cargo owner \$50/TEU for peak traffic
- 4. Disburse revenue to MTOs for off-peak labor

## **Step 1: Customer Enrollment**

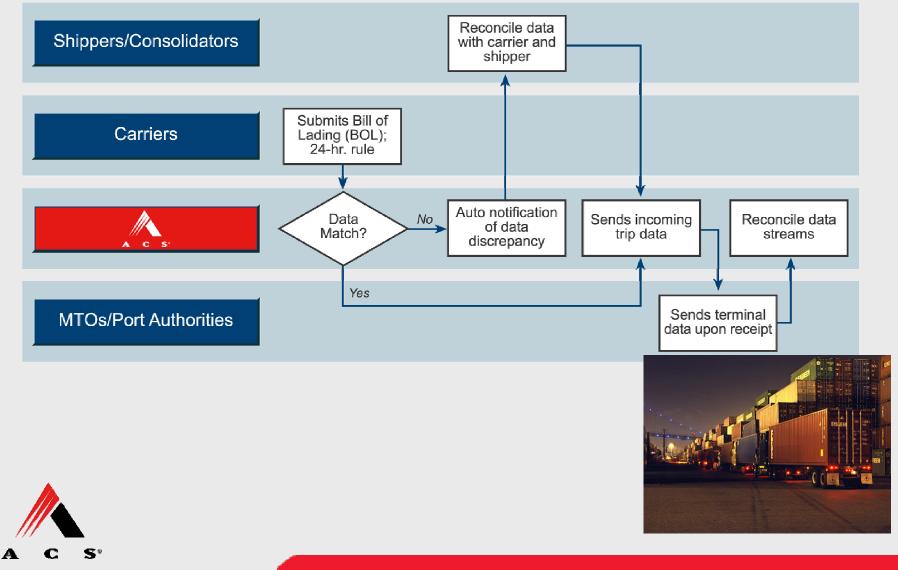


# **Step 2: Cargo Data Submission**

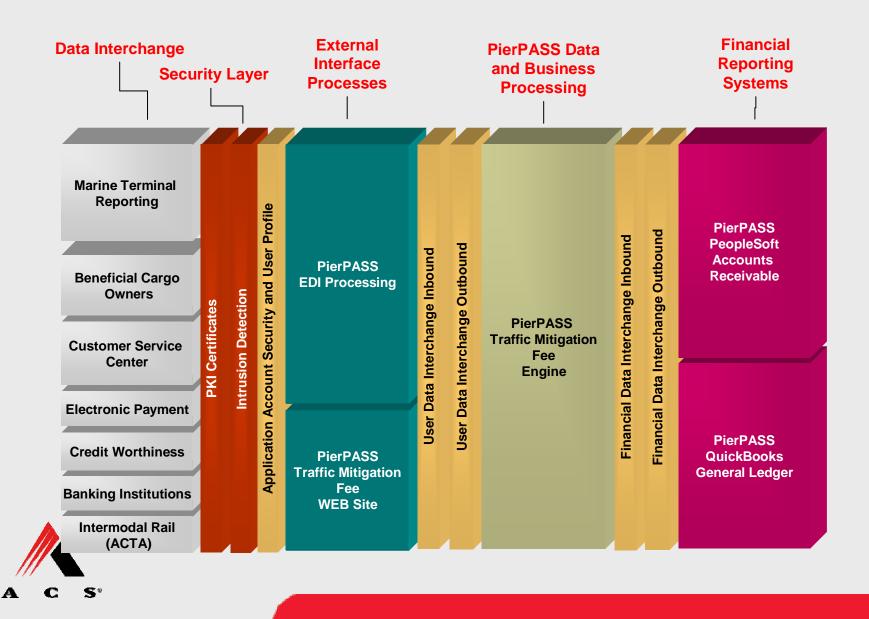




# Step 3: Trip & Terminal Data Submission



#### **System Architecture**



### **Operational Statistics**

- 14,000 customers with active accounts
- 13 marine terminal operators have container and gate activity data interface via EDI
- 100,000 EDI transactions are processed per day
- 31,200 containers are processed per day
- \$2.7 million in traffic mitigation fees collected per week
- Fees collected via invoice (60%), credit card (35%), and e-check (5%)
- 300+ new jobs supported at night



# It's Beating Expectations

- Two-year goal of 20% reduction in congestion achieved in two months
- <u>35%</u> of daily container traffic now moves in off-peak hours
- More than <u>10,000 trucks a day</u> during typical off-peak shift
- Peak-hour traffic on the 710 freeway down 24% (independent study)



# Why is PierPASS Significant?

- Private sector solution to a public problem
- Technology based fee collection system
- Supported by the shippers and unions
- Reduced truck idling and pollution
- Natural linkage with RFID/GPS tracking and biometric IDs programs





