PORT OF SEATTLE MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA STAFF BRIEFING

 Item No.
 7a

 Date of Meeting
 May 28, 2013

DATE: May 17, 2013

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Linda Styrk, Managing Director, Seaport

Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager

SUBJECT: Duwamish Transportation Management Association - SoDo

Transportation Project – interim status briefing

SYNOPSIS:

Dave Gering, the Executive Director of the Duwamish Transportation Management Association (TMA), will brief the Commission on the SoDo Transportation Project as it approaches its concluding public forum on June 12, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The Port of Seattle joined other partners and neighbors in the Duwamish Manufacturing Industrial Council to sponsor and help fund business and community outreach to assess the transportation and mitigation needs of the Port's container terminals and Duwamish Manufacturing Industrial Center (Duwamish MIC) freight and traffic management issues and concerns. The work began in early 2013. A public forum presenting interim outreach results and soliciting input from participants was held April 16 at the Stanford Center. The project will culminate with a public forum on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 2-4 p.m. with community presenters at the Colin Auditorium at the Georgetown Campus of South Seattle Community College. Members from the city and county councils, the Port Commission, and the state legislature have been invited and at least one representative for each of those groups has responded with their attendance.

This research informs the Port, regional decision-makers, and the general public about long-standing Port, maritime sector, and Duwamish MIC transportation assets, needs and concerns, and their linkages to the Port's, the City of Seattle's, and King County's continued economic success. The final report will present findings and recommendations from two door-to-door surveys of businesses in the Duwamish. It will list freight and traffic improvements that will be necessary to support the continued vitality of the Port and the manufacturing and industrial sectors, which support thousands of jobs in our region.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BRIEFING:

Duwamish TMA PowerPoint.

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PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS:

- November 6, 2012 The Port of Seattle Commission authorized the Port to contribute \$50,000 to the Duwamish Transportation Management Association for a community and business outreach program.
- December 11, 2012 Dave Gering, the Duwamish TMA Executive Director, briefed the Commission on prior TMA activities and studies, as well as the plans for this study.