

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**  
**STAFF BRIEFING**

<b>Item No.</b>	4a
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	April 1, 2014

**DATE:** March 9, 2014

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager  
Tim Leonard, Capital Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** East Marginal Way Grade Separation Project (WP#102007) Briefing  
East Marginal Way Phase II Project (WP#104866) Briefing  
Argo Yard Truck Roadway Project (CIP #C800546) Briefing

**SYNOPSIS**

This briefing is to provide the Commission with an update regarding the East Marginal Way Grade Separation (EMWGS), East Marginal Way Phase II, and Argo Yard Truck Roadway projects. Staff will return to the Commission on April 22, 2014 for authorization to execute agreements with project stakeholders, authorization to advertise for construction bids, and authorization of construction funding, as applicable.

**BACKGROUND**

The EMWGS project has achieved the construction of a new vehicular overpass structure separating vehicular traffic from rail traffic at the intersection of lower Spokane Street and East Marginal Way South. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has now been finalized between the Port and the City of Seattle (City) regarding the design, permitting, construction, financing, transfer, use, and related aspects of the structure and related public improvements. Port staff will return April 22 to request authorization for the Chief Executive Office to execute the MOA and to begin the conveyance of related properties and easements to the City.

The East Marginal Way Phase II project will complete surface street improvements at the south end of the EMWGS structure that will eliminate the last remaining conflict between rail traffic and northbound traffic accessing the structure. Additionally, proposed project improvements to be constructed beneath the new, adjacent SR 99 structure will enable southbound freight traffic from the EMWGS structure to cross East Marginal Way South and access the proposed Argo Yard Truck Roadway. Port staff will return April 22 for authorization to advertise for construction bids, execute construction contracts, and fund the construction phase for this project.

The Argo Yard Truck Roadway project will result in a new dedicated direct freight access route from East Marginal Way South to Union Pacific Railroad's Argo Intermodal Yard. A Supplemental Agreement to the previously approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has now been finalized between the Port and the other project

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stakeholders – the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), the City of Seattle, Union Pacific Railroad, and Prologis LLC. Port staff will return April 22 for approval of the MOU Supplemental Agreement and the related required stakeholder easement agreements and for authorization to advertise for construction bids, execute construction contracts, and fund the construction phase for this project.

### **ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING**

- Computer slide presentation

### **PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS**

- April 23, 2013 - Commission authorized issuance of an EMWGS project construction change order in the amount of \$492,000.
- September 11, 2012 - Commission authorized an increase to the EMWGS Project Authorization by the amount of \$2,875,171, resulting in the total Project Authorization of \$53,575,171.
- December 13, 2011 - Commission authorized Argo Yard Roadway Memorandum of Understanding and project design and construction funding in the amount of \$2,200,000.
- May 18, 2010 - Commission authorized an EMWGS project change order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$430,000.
- May 11, 2010 - Commission authorized a Purchase and Sale agreement between Port of Seattle and Ash Grove Cement Company for a portion of Ash Grove's real property for EMWGS project.
- November 30, 2009 - Commission approved agreement for early termination of Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc.'s leaseholds and settlement of any claims related to the removal of certain signs on Port-owned property acquired for EMWGS project.
- March 24, 2009 - Commission authorized an (1) increase of previous EMWGS Project Authorization by the amount of \$17,200,000 resulting in a total Project Authorization of \$50,700,000, and (2) advertise for bids for a total of \$50,700,000
- January 13, 2009 - Commission Project update of EMWGS project.
- April 11, 2006 - Commission authorized project-wide elements for EMWGS project total of \$34,500,000.
- December 9, 2003 - Commission authorized EMWGS project design refinement.
- April 9, 2002 - Commission authorized EMWGS project conceptual design development.
- July 14, 1998 - Commission approved Resolution No. 3283 to authorize participation in the FAST Corridor.