

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

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

<b>Item No.</b>	5e
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	May 12, 2009

**DATE:** April 28, 2009

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

**FROM:** Eric Hanson, Manager, Seaport Planning  
Christine Wolf, Regional Transportation Program Planner, Seaport

**SUBJECT:** Execution of easements with the City of Seattle Department of Transportation for a Dynamic Message Sign at Terminal 5.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to approve and execute easements with the City of Seattle Department of Transportation, substantially in the form shown in Exhibit A, for the installation and maintenance of certain equipment necessary for a Dynamic Message Sign providing current traffic information to trucks leaving Terminal 5.

**SYNOPSIS**

Approval of this request allows the execution of easements with the City of Seattle Department of Transportation for the installation, maintenance, and operation of a Dynamic Message Sign at the entrance of Terminal 5. (See Exhibits B and C.) The sign will be used to inform truck drivers leaving the terminal of traffic conditions and bridge openings, allowing them to make informed routing decisions, avoid congestion, and reduce idling.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 21, 2009, the Commission passed Resolution 3615, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the City of Seattle to make a direct contribution of \$500,000 the City's Duwamish Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project. The Port's contribution helps fund several Dynamic Message Signs in the Duwamish, including a Dynamic Message Sign (requested by Port of Seattle staff) facing the out gate of Terminal 5. The sign will be placed in the planting strip at the touch-down of the access ramp, facing the Terminal gate. The sign will be located in the lease area, but outside the operational area of the Terminal. The Terminal operator supports placement of the sign because it helps facilitate the movement of trucks. There is no additional budget impact.