



Magnolia Community Club

MAGNOLIA'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Exhibit "A"
Port Commission Special
Meeting of Jan. 27, 2009.

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Re: Viaduct Replacement Project

Dear President and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Magnolia Community Club and am requesting that the Port of Seattle (Port) withhold funding support for the recently announced "Deep Bored Tunnel" as the replacement for the Viaduct until the Port has received assurances the proposed project will provide: (1) a northwest access point for communities to the north, and that (2) the replacement project will provide continued capacity to service existing and planned vehicle trips through the corridor.

The Magnolia Community Club has represented Magnolia neighborhood interests since 1924, making it one of the oldest community councils in the City of Seattle. As a neighborhood west of downtown Seattle, many of our residents are dependent on the Alaskan Way Viaduct and/or north-south city streets for daily access to and through downtown Seattle. We also recognize that many of our commercial goods travel these routes, and that the maritime commerce that surrounds our neighborhood is dependent upon easy and efficient access through the downtown corridor.

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Our club was pleased to note that the Port's recent statement of January 13, 2009 related to the viaduct issued by Mr. Tay **Yoshitani**, in which he asserted interests similar as those expressed by our organization. Specifically, the Port's statement states **that** the "Commission called for a solution that ensures access to the Port's cargo, cruise and fishing terminals in the **waterfront**, as well as Terminal 91 to the north." The Port's statement also provides "we need strong connections for freight **traffic** between Duwamish, Interbay, and Ballard." The Port also makes note of the new cruise **terminal** at Terminal 91. The Port previously has advised that Terminal 91 will generate approximately 5,000 vehicles per day using **15th** Avenue West to load and unload cruise ships. We were particularly heartened to read that the Port "**will** not short change our cargo, fishing, and cruise customers" in regards to the Viaduct replacement project.

The Magnolia Community Club's position, articulated a number of years ago and restated to our political leaders as late as 2008, is that **any** Viaduct replacement project must provide a northwest access point for our community and provide continued capacity to **service** existing and planned trips through the corridor. We supported the Port's plans to establish a cruise ship **terminal** at Terminal 91 on the presumption our expressed interests would be met.

The recent public announcements regarding the proposed "Deep Bored Tunnel" project do not adequately address our mutual interests of providing a northwest access point. The announcements also do not **specify** how the proposed project will provide continued capacity and mobility to service existing and planned vehicle trips through the corridor. We are especially concerned that the current proposal does not account for the Port's intended cruise ship terminal at Terminal 91 and the associated vehicle traffic that will result.

We request that the Port of Seattle Commission make no financial commitments to the proposed Viaduct replacement project until the Port receives firm commitments that the project will provide: (1) a northwest access point for our community as well as maritime, fishing, industrial and cruise industries to the north; and (2) continued capacity and mobility to service existing and planned trips through the corridor. In particular, we request you ensure **traffic** associated with the cruise ship terminal at Terminal 91 is accommodated in a **satisfying** manner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SENT BY EMAIL

Randall Thomsen
President (2009)