

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No. 9a

Date of Meeting March 29, 2011

DATE: March 22, 2011

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Mike Merritt, Local Government Relations
Geraldine Poor, Regional Transportation

SUBJECT: Policy Roundtable on Seattle Freight Mobility

BACKGROUND:

The Port Commission is hosting a roundtable discussion on Freight Mobility in the city of Seattle.

BRIEFING OUTLINE:

The Commission will discuss the Port's priority for a freight mobility system to enable the Port to grow and stay competitive in light of intense market challenges in the cargo, fishing and cruise industries. Additionally, the city's north and south maritime and industrial centers rely on freight connections throughout the city to grow and retain jobs, and foster strong communities. Discussion will focus on current Seattle freight planning, investments and infrastructure, specifically including the new Freight Advisory Board, a proposed Freight Plan, the Complete Streets Ordinance and its implementation on Major Truck Streets, and opportunities for freight input to the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III.

The Commission will hear from the Chair of the Seattle City Council's Transportation Committee and the director of the Seattle Department of Transportation. Following these overviews, roundtable participants representing the freight mobility interests will give brief introductions, followed by dialogue with commissioners and identification of next steps.

The roundtable will begin at 10:30 a.m.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BRIEFING:

PowerPoint slide: Freight Flows Supporting Waterfront and Industrial Business.