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**APPROVED MINUTES  
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10, 2012**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at Port of Seattle Headquarters, Commission Chambers, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Washington. Commissioners Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, and Tarleton were present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Commissioner Bill Bryant.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110**

The regular meeting was immediately recessed to an executive session estimated to last approximately 60 minutes to discuss matters relating to real estate, public contracting, and legal risk. Following the executive session, which lasted approximately 50 minutes, the regular meeting reconvened in open public session at 1:07 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Commissioner Bryant commented on the Port's 130 police and firefighters who put their lives at risk to protect Port staff, clients, and customers, after which the Commission stood to observe a moment of silence in honor of National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson, who was killed in the line of duty at Mount Rainier National Park on January 1, 2012.

*At the discretion of the Chair, the Commission advanced to consideration of –*

**4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

**4a. (00:02:45) Swearing-in of newly elected Commissioners.**

The Honorable Slade Gorton, former United States Senator, publicly administered the oath of office of port commissioner to Bill Bryant, who was re-elected to Port of Seattle Commission Position No. 5 on November 8, 2011.

Ms. Estella Ortega, Executive Director of the Center for People of All Races (el Centro de la Raza), publicly administered the oath of office of port commissioner to Gael Tarleton, who was re-elected to Port of Seattle Commission Position No. 2 on November 8, 2011.

**4b. (00:06:15) Election of officers.**

**Commissioner Creighton moved the following slate of officers for 2012:**

- President – Commissioner Tarleton
- Vice President – Commissioner Creighton
- Secretary – Commissioner Albro
- Assistant Secretary – Commissioner Bryant
- Commissioner at Large – Commissioner Holland

**Second – Holland**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

Commissioner Bryant commented on his tenure as Commission President, describing the challenges faced by the Port since his election in 2007. He commented on the State Auditor's Report alleging fraud and attendant negative public attention and complimented Port staff for their response to the crisis and the Commission's commitment to regain public trust. He mentioned internal investigation findings, freezing of the bond market, and deterioration of the economy in 2009, the beginning of his first term as Commission President.

Commissioner Bryant reflected on three overarching goals he identified at that time, which included jobs, environmental sustainability, and creating a world gateway, and commented on accomplishments that reflect achievement of those goals. He mentioned specifically investment that has created 6,000 jobs; adoption of policies reinforcing the Port's commitment to Fishermen's Terminal and seafood processing jobs; commencement of various transportation projects; recognition achieved for the Port's truck program; steps taken to develop aviation biofuels; establishment of new international routes at the Airport; introduction of new cruise lines; and funding for the Washington Tourism Alliance.

Commissioner Bryant noted the fiscally responsible business practices that led to the Port's strong financial position despite economic turmoil and acknowledged the dedication of staff and Commissioners contributing to the Port's accomplishments and renewal over the past three years.

Commissioner Tarleton thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve as its President in 2012 and acknowledged Commissioner Bryant's service as President over the past three years. She commented on the beginning of the Port's second century and the challenges ahead and compared the times to the 1960s, noting milestones of that decade including dramatic increase in airport passenger traffic, expansion of containerized shipping and construction of Terminal 5, and dedication of Shilshole Bay Marina.

Commissioner Tarleton compared these milestones of the 1960s with imminent developments in redefining global trade routes, cleaning up the Lower Duwamish River Superfund site, revision of the City of Seattle Shoreline Master Plan, and launch of the Century Agenda campaign to generate 100,000 port-related jobs over the next 25 years.

Commissioner Tarleton described a picture of the Port's future in 10 years that includes Washington companies leading a national export recovery, a spectacular urban waterfront welcoming to citizens and visitors, and renewed connection between Seattle's neighborhoods and its public waterfront.

*The Commission stood in recess at 1:29 p.m. for the purpose of holding a brief reception. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m., chaired by Commissioner Tarleton, and the Commission returned to consideration of –*

**4c. (00:23:10) Commission announcements.**

Commissioner Tarleton made several announcements, noting all Port Commissioners had signed an annual transparency code of conduct, a copy of which is, by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked [exhibit A](#), and is available for inspection in Port offices.

She stated the 2012 Audit Committee would include Commissioner Albro as chair, Commissioner Bryant as secretary, and public member Christina Gehrke. She added that Commissioner Creighton would serve as alternate member.

She announced the 2012 Century Agenda Committee would continue to include Commissioners Albro and Creighton.

Commissioner Tarleton announced that the Commission has selected Mark Hutcheson of the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine as independent legal counsel to perform a review and analysis of an Airport concessions program including a worker retention provision and advise the Commission on the structuring of such a provision. She stated the Commission expects preliminary recommendations on this topic in late January and that the Commission plans to send a letter to the State Legislature on the subject of worker retention at the Airport in the next week.

She commented on the holding of Commission meetings off Port property in 2011 and 2012 as required by the Commission bylaws.

Commissioner Tarleton noted a change in the practice of accepting public testimony at Commission meetings. She announced that, beginning today, the Commission would accept public testimony following adoption of the consent agenda, rather than at the time of considering an agenda item or during new business. She stated that written comment would continue to be accepted at any time during the meeting and that an amendment to the Commission Bylaws would be proposed to revise the order of business accordingly. She noted that implementing the new practice immediately was in keeping with the discretion exercised by the Commission in the past over arrangement of specific orders of business.

**3. (00:28:58) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Special meeting of October 25, 2011, and regular meetings of November 1, 2011, and November 8, 2011.

Commissioner Tarleton announced that in a recent review of practices for approval of minutes, the General Counsel had affirmed that Commissioners may vote to approve minutes, even if they were not present for the subject meeting, and noted that Commissioners retain the prerogative to abstain from the vote as appropriate.

**Motion for approval of minutes for the special meeting of October 25, 2011, and the regular meetings of November 1, 2011, and November 8, 2011 – Bryant**

**Second – Albro**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

**5. (00:30:10) UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5a. Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to execute a new collective bargaining agreement between the Port of Seattle and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 9 representing Aviation Operations/Aviation Security covering the period from April 1, 2011, through December 31, 2014. The total additional estimated costs to the Port for the life of the contract include \$362,026 in total wage increases and \$46,905 in known increases in medical and dental benefit costs. Additional costs for medical and dental benefits will be determined as part of the on-going management of the Port's self insured health benefits plan.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 4, 2012, and collective bargaining [agreement](#) provided by Kim Ramsey, Labor Relations Manager.

**5b. Commission renewal for 2012, by motion, of the authority of the Chief Executive Officer to sell and convey Port District personal property of \$10,000 or less in value in accordance with RCW 53.08.090 and Section 18 of Resolution No. 3605, as amended.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 22, 2011, provided by Craig Watson, General Counsel.

**5c. Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to 1) proceed with the Common-Use Self Service Kiosk Expansion project, 2) authorize the procurement of equipment, and 3) authorize the use of Port staff for installation, for a request of \$415,000 and a total project cost not to exceed \$425,000 (CIP #C800477).**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 3, 2012, and [attachment](#) provided by Michael Ehl, Airport Operations Director.

**5d. Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to execute a professional services indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract for architectural services totaling**

**\$4,000,000 with a contract ordering period of three years in support of upcoming capital improvement projects at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. There is no budget request associated with this authorization.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 30, 2011, provided by Wayne Grotheer, Director of the Aviation Project Management Group.

- 5e. Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to (1) use Port crews, (2) advertise for bids, execute, and award a major construction on-call unit price electrical and communication contract, and (3) perform contract administration to complete many small electrical and communication elements of work as part of completing the Rental Car Facility (RCF) project for the April 19, 2012, opening at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The budget was previously authorized under several Commission authorizations to proceed with the construction of the RCF project. Advertisement for bids took place on December 21, 2011, under the critical work provision of Resolution No. 3605, as amended. Total project costs are estimated at \$500,000 (CIP #C100266).**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 30, 2011, provided by Michael Ehl, Airport Operations Director, and George England, Program Leader of the Project Management Group.

- 5f. Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Walker Parking Consultants (Walker) professional service agreement up to \$603,590 for design support during construction and provide notification to the Port of Seattle Commission in accordance with RCW 53.19.060 that the amended amount exceeds 50% of the original contract not to exceed value of \$100,000. The history of the Walker Parking Consultants agreement was briefed to the Commission on April 5, 2011. With the execution of this amendment, the value of the Walker agreement will be \$32,271,911. The completion date remains December 31, 2012. No new budget is requested to amend this agreement as funds have been previously authorized in the Rental Car Facility program budget.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 3, 2012, provided by Nora Huey, Central Procurement Office Director, and George England, Program Leader of the Aviation Capital Improvement Program.

**Motion for approval of consent items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, and 5f – Albro**

**Second – Bryant**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

*At the discretion of the Chair, the Commission advanced to consideration of –*

**(00:31:15) PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

As noted on the agenda and announced previously, public comment was received from the following individuals:

- Fred Felleman, Northwest Consultant for Friends of the Earth. Mr. Felleman commented on agenda item 6d and the lack of delineation of the projects expected to require dredging under the indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract. He criticized the Century Agenda preliminary goals as being too broad with respect to recovery of Puget Sound by 2020. He commented on proposed amendments to the cruise memorandum of understanding relating to establishing a Puget Sound no-discharge zone for cruise ship wastewater and submitted a letter addressed to the Department of Ecology and a disc with a copy of comments received from the public in response to an action alert by Friends of the Earth. A copy of the letter is, by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked [exhibit B](#), and is available for inspection in Port offices. Also, a copy of the public comments is, by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked [exhibit C](#), and is available for inspection in Port offices.

*Following public comment, the Commission returned to consideration of –*

**6. DIVISION, CORPORATE, AND COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

**6a. (00:37:34) Commission discussion and approval of the Century Agenda preliminary strategic goals.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 6, 2012, and computer slide [presentation](#) provided by Tom Barnard, Research and Policy Analyst; Geri Poor, Regional Transportation Manager; and Holly Decker, Graduate Student Intern.

Presenter(s): Ms. Poor and Ms. Decker.

Ms. Poor outlined public outreach efforts in 2011 and presented a timeline of Century Agenda Committee activities in 2011 and 2012 noting convening of nine roundtable discussions in 2011 with broad participation by various stakeholders, identification of preliminary goals arising from the roundtable sessions, and development by staff of five-year milestones related to the preliminary goals. She noted plans for continued public outreach following approval of preliminary goals, development of strategic plan components, and launch of Century Agenda strategic plans in the fall of 2012.

Ms. Poor summarized the following proposed Century Agenda mission and commitment statements:

- Our Mission: The Port of Seattle is a public agency that creates jobs by advancing trade and commerce, promoting industrial growth, and stimulating economic development.
- Our Commitment: We create economic opportunity for all, steward our environmental responsibility, partner with surrounding communities, promote social responsibility, conduct ourselves transparently, and hold ourselves accountable. We will leave succeeding generations a stronger Port.

Ms. Poor outlined the following preliminary Century Agenda strategic goals. For each goal listed, Ms. Decker outlined the detailed focus areas developed in consultation with Port staff listed with bullets below:

“Over the next 25 years we will add 100,000 jobs through economic growth led by the Port of Seattle, for a total of 300,000 port-related jobs in the region, while reducing our environmental footprint. In order to accomplish this we will:

“Position the Puget Sound region as a premier international logistics hub:

- Grow Seaport annual container volume to more than 3.5 million twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs);
- Structure our relationship with Washington ports to optimize infrastructure investments and financial returns;
- Triple air cargo volume to 750,000 metric tons;
- Triple the value of our outbound cargo to over \$50 billion; and
- Double the economic value of the fishing and maritime cluster.

“Advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway:

- Make Sea-Tac Airport the west coast ‘Gateway of Choice’ for international travel;
- Double the number of international flights and destinations;
- Meet the region’s air transportation needs at Sea-Tac Airport for the next 25 years; and
- Double the economic value of cruise traffic to Washington state.

“Use our influence as an institution to promote small business growth and workforce development:

- Increase the proportion of funds spent by the Port with qualified small business firms on construction, goods, and services to 25 percent of the eligible dollars spent; and
- Increase workforce training, job, and business opportunities for local communities in trade, travel, and logistics.

“Be the greenest and most energy-efficient port in North America:

- Meet all increased energy needs through conservation and renewable sources;
- Meet or exceed agency requirements for stormwater leaving Port-owned or operated facilities;
- Reduce air pollutants and carbon emissions, specifically:
  - ▶ Reduce air pollutant emissions by 50 percent from 2005 levels; and
  - ▶ Reduce carbon emissions from all Port operations by 50 percent from 2005 levels and reduce aircraft-related carbon emissions at Sea-Tac by 25 percent;
- Anchor the Puget Sound urban-industrial land use to prevent sprawl in less developed areas; and
- Restore, create, and enhance 40 additional acres of habitat in the Green/Duwamish watershed and Elliott Bay.”

Ms. Decker concluded by presenting statements on the use of real estate, capital assets, and financial capabilities to accomplish the Century Agenda goals, but which are not suited to specific 25-year goals in themselves.

**Motion for approval of item 6a – Albro**

**Second – Holland**

Commissioner Albro acknowledged the work of the committee and staff in developing the preliminary goals and stated they are exhilarating and challenging. Commissioner Creighton reflected on the collaborative process of formulating the goals. Commissioner Bryant commented on the thoughtful process of developing the goals and encouraged further inclusion of references to the Puget Sound Partnership indicators. Commissioner Holland remarked on the interconnectedness of the goals and the opportunity for the Port's goals to support regional economic recovery. Commissioner Tarleton noted the Century Agenda process had been a sustained effort over four years during challenging times.

Commissioner Creighton noted that the goals are still in draft form and will be finalized after an extensive public outreach process. He noted that many of the Puget Sound Partnership indicators would likely be reflected in the specific milestones developed for the various goals. Commissioner Albro commented on the public outreach schedule for 2012.

The question recurred on the motion by Commissioner Albro, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve agenda item 6a.

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Tarleton (4)**

**Absent for the vote: Holland**

**6b. (00:59:32) First Reading and Second Reading/Final Passage of Resolution No. 3656: A resolution of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle declaring certain real property, the water mains and appurtenances located at: 2585 S. 194<sup>th</sup> St., SeaTac, Washington and 2645 S. 194<sup>th</sup> St., SeaTac, Washington, the water mains and appurtenances located within the public right-of-way on S. 160<sup>th</sup> St., SeaTac, Washington, and on Port property on Host Road, SeaTac, Washington, to be surplus and no longer needed for Port District purposes and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents necessary for transfer of the title of these water mains and appurtenances to the Highline Water District.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 9, 2012, and [Resolution No. 3656](#) with attached exhibits, March 12, 2011, [bill of sale](#), [diagram attachment C](#), [diagram attachment D](#), and [diagram attachment E](#) provided by Wayne Grotheer, Director of the Aviation Project Management Group.

Presenter(s): Mr. Grotheer.

Mr. Grotheer described the property to be declared surplus and transferred to the Highline Water District in conjunction with completion of the Aviation Maintenance warehouse in 2010 and current projects on the Bus Maintenance Facility and Off-Site Roads Improvements related to the Consolidated Rental Car Facility program. He noted that the Commission had previously approved developer extension agreements and bills of sale with the Highline Water District consistent with the Port's interlocal agreement with the water district for all three projects, but that the property surplus requirement for the transfer was overlooked inadvertently at the time. Mr. Grotheer explained that the request to combine first and second readings of the resolution was due to critical



scheduling considerations for provision of water service necessary for commissioning of the Bus Maintenance Facility.

Combination of first and second readings of Port Commission resolutions requires a unanimous vote of all Port Commissioners, and due to the temporary absence of Commissioner Holland, further consideration of agenda item 6b was temporarily postponed.

*At the discretion of the Chair, the Commission advanced to consideration of –*

- 6c. (01:04:40) Port of Seattle Commission motion to: (1) recognize January 11, 2012, as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and January 2012 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; (2) note a joint media event is planned for January 11, 2012, with participation by the King County Council, the Seattle City Council, the Mayor of Seattle, and the Port Commission highlighting the issue of human trafficking and the importance of awareness and prevention; (3) commend the Port's on-going cooperation with other government agencies and non-profit organizations to strengthen anti-trafficking efforts in King County and Washington state and especially at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; (4) direct the Port to make additional efforts to increase the awareness of human trafficking by conducting training and other activities which help Port employees and Airport workers identify signs of possible trafficking, give victims information on how to obtain help, educate travelers about human trafficking and provide information on how to report suspicious situations or concerns; (5) urge businesses operating at Port facilities to attend local meetings or seminars where efforts to prevent human trafficking are discussed to become more knowledgeable about this issue; (6) encourage all King County residents to become informed about human trafficking and to join efforts to combat all forms of modern-day slavery.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 5, 2012, and [statement in support of the motion](#) provided by Mary Gin Kennedy, Director of Commission Services, and Colleen Wilson, Port of Seattle Police Chief.

Presenter(s): Ms. Kennedy and Chief Wilson.

Ms. Kennedy described the significant local, national, and global problem of human trafficking and explained that Seattle is part of a circuit of modern-day slavery that exploits people for sexual purposes and forced labor. She pointed out that children, as well as adults, are targets for human trafficking, which exploits U.S. citizens and non-citizens alike. Ms. Kennedy noted the severity of the human rights and law enforcement problem posed by human trafficking, which she said is the fastest growing and most lucrative criminal enterprise in the world and is tied with arms dealing as the second largest international criminal industry behind drug dealing. Ms. Kennedy described the Port's cooperation with federal, state, and local authorities and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of and combat human trafficking.

Chief Wilson commented on efforts by the Port of Seattle Police Department to coordinate with regional and federal partners to provide service to victims, raise awareness, and employ best practices to counteract human trafficking.

Commissioner Creighton commented on the magnitude of the problem of human trafficking and the responsibility of the Port to address illegal commerce.

**Motion for approval of item 6c – Creighton**

**Second – Bryant**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

*Following consideration of agenda item 6c, the Commission returned to consideration of –*

**6b. (01:14:38) First Reading and Second Reading/Final Passage of Resolution No. 3656: A resolution of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle declaring certain real property, the water mains and appurtenances located at: 2585 S. 194<sup>th</sup> St., SeaTac, Washington and 2645 S. 194<sup>th</sup> St., SeaTac, Washington, the water mains and appurtenances located within the public right-of-way on S. 160<sup>th</sup> St., SeaTac, Washington, and on Port property on Host Road, SeaTac, Washington, to be surplus and no longer needed for Port District purposes and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents necessary for transfer of the title of these water mains and appurtenances to the Highline Water District.**

**Motion to combine first and second readings of Resolution No. 3656 – Creighton**

**Second – Holland**

**Motion carried by the following required unanimous vote of all Port Commissioners:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

**Motion for first and second readings and final passage of [Resolution No. 3656](#) – Bryant**

**Second – Albro**

**PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution No. 3656**

Commissioner Tarleton declared the public hearing for Resolution No. 3656 open. There was no public comment offered at this time. Following the opportunity for public comment, the public hearing on Resolution No. 3656 was closed.

The question recurred on the motion by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Albro, for first and second readings and final passage of Resolution No. 3656.

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

*Agenda item 6c having been disposed of previously, the Commission advanced to consideration of –*

- 6d. (01:17:48) Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to execute two professional services indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts providing technical analyses necessary for planning, design, and implementation of dredging projects necessary for continuing vessel access at Seaport facilities. Two IDIQ contracts will be issued for the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000 each with a three-year ordering period. No funding is associated with this authorization.**

Request document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 3, 2012, provided by Cassie Fritz, Manager of the Seaport Project Management Group, and Catherine Chu, Capital Construction Project Manager.

Presenter(s): Ms. Chu.

Ms. Chu described the various dredging activities covered by the IDIQ contracts and stated that project-specific contracts issued in the past proved to be inefficient, often causing project delays. She stated that requesting IDIQ contracts would be more efficient and responsive to the business needs of Marine operations. Ms. Chu explained that the \$2 million amount is based on trends of past projects in the Seaport division and that the request covers professional services contracts, not including construction contracts.

**Motion for approval of item 6d – Albro**

**Second – Holland**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: Albro, Bryant, Creighton, Holland, Tarleton (5)**

## **7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

### **7a. (01:20:35) Federal and State Government Relations Briefing for 2012.**

Presentation document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated December 22, 2011, provided by Patricia Akiyama, Director of Public Affairs; Clare Gallagher, State Government Relations Manager; and Ryan McFarland, Public Affairs Policy Analyst.

Presenter(s): Ms. Akiyama and Ms. Gallagher.

Ms. Akiyama outlined congressional legislative activities of interest to the Port in 2011 noting the following:

- Extension of the Social Security payroll tax cut, including provisions requiring approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to Texas within 60 days;
- Likely delay until February 2012 of a surface transportation bill;
- Presentation to congressional leaders of key principles for reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU);

- Release of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) bill focused on highway programs;
- Potential creation in the U.S. Department of Transportation of an Office of Freight Planning and Development similar to Washington's Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB);
- Appropriation of \$500 million for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funding;
- Priorities for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization extensions;
- Attempts to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA);
- Efforts to obtain relief from the Harbor Maintenance Tax and the competitive disadvantage it imposes on the Pacific Northwest due to proximity to the Canadian border; and
- Ratification of free trade agreements with South Korea, Columbia, and Panama expected to result in \$13 billion in new exports.

Ms. Akiyama commented on congressional gridlock in 2010 and 2011 but noted that transportation priorities typically have bipartisan support. In response to Commissioner Tarleton, Ms. Akiyama commented on resources needed to collaborate on congressional issues of importance to Port interests.

Ms. Gallagher reported on the following state legislative activity of interest to the Port:

- Efforts to close a \$1.5 billion budget shortfall, including proposal of a \$0.005 sales tax increase and the need for a two-thirds vote in the Legislature to pass tax increases;
- Various proposals by the Governor relating to the aerospace industry, streamlined tax reporting for businesses, K-12 education, privatization of the lottery, restructuring of the Liquor Control Board, and \$3.75 billion in short-term transportation preservation measures through fee increases; and
- Remedial action grant funding.

Ms. Gallagher commented on partnering with other ports on tourism and tax issues in Washington.

**7b. (01:47:05) Port of Seattle's Internet Site Briefing.**

Presentation document(s): Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated January 4, 2012, and computer slide [presentation](#) provided by Patricia Akiyama, Director of Public Affairs; Jane Kilburn, International Tourism Director; and Nancy Blanton, Business and Corporate Communications Manager.

Presenter(s): Ms. Blanton.

Ms. Blanton reported on the redesign of the Port's public website launched November 14, 2011, noting nearly 6,000 visitors per day. She stated the site had not been fully redesigned since 2003 and outlined the redesign program goals to replace aging and broken systems, update information architecture to incorporate the Port's new brand identity, address changed organizational structures, and ensure the website's architecture meets the needs of the Port's primary audiences.

She commented on the process of identifying primary audiences and the selection of SharePoint 2010 as the new platform for the website.

Ms. Blanton presented the former web site, contrasting it with a presentation of the Port's new site. She reported the site's busiest page is the Sea-Tac Airport page and commented on several new features and accessibility for mobile devices. Ms. Blanton stated in the first month the new site received over 209,000 visits and over 688,000 page views, which is consistent with traffic on the previous website.

**(01:57:50) Preliminary Briefing on Intermediate Lien Revenue Bonds.**

Elizabeth Morrison, Corporate Finance Senior Manager, reported on an opportunity to refund a number of predominantly Airport-related bonds for debt service savings and potential reduced cost per enplanement for airlines. She said seven series of bonds representing \$550 million were under consideration for refunding and that a bond resolution would be forthcoming in February 2012.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**9. POLICY ROUNDTABLE**

None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Tom Albro  
Secretary

Minutes approved: March 13, 2012.