

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA
STAFF BRIEFING

Item No. 3b

Date of Meeting February 10, 2015

DATE: January 30, 2015
TO: Ted Fick, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Mike Merritt, Local/State Government Relations Manager
Geraldine Poor, Regional Transportation Manager
SUBJECT: Duwamish Area: SoDo Transportation Update

SYNOPSIS

Port staff will update the Commission on transportation issues in the SoDo area of Seattle's Duwamish Manufacturing/Industrial Center.

BACKGROUND

Seattle's Duwamish Manufacturing/Industrial Center is home to much of Seattle's industrial base, with the primary marine shipping area, King County International Airport and a number of heavy industries. These industries rely on efficient and effective transportation infrastructure. The port's container operations benefit from unique and invaluable access to deep water berths, intermodal rail facilities, and Interstates 5 and 90. However, as land uses and transportation activity intensify, there is continual pressure to improve operations in the area. The Port continues working closely with our partners at the City, County, State Department of Transportation and partner transit agencies to optimize the flow, throughput and resiliency in the area.

The staff presentation will brief the Commission on:

- Recent regional transportation investments in the harbor
- Under construction and upcoming projects and plans, including:
 - North Argo Access / East Marginal Way Phase 2
 - Heavy Haul Corridor
 - South Holgate Street Rail Crossing
 - S. Lander Street Grade Separation
- Future projects and activities affecting transportation

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING

- Computer slide presentation.

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

- On September 24, 2013, the Commission reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed SoDo Arena.

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- On May 28, 2013, the Commission approved and Interlocal Agreement with the City of Seattle to complete the Industrial Areas Freight Access Project (FAP)
- On August 7, 2012, the Commission heard a panel of experts speak to potential transportation, economic and land use implications of a Proposed SoDo Arena