

**MOTION  
OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION  
IN SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF A STATEWIDE  
TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE**

**ADOPTED APRIL 14, 2015**

**TEXT OF THE MOTION**

The Commission supports approval by the Washington State Legislature of a comprehensive statewide transportation funding package to strengthen the state's economy and the competitiveness of the Puget Sound Gateway.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION**

Washington's economy depends on a strong transportation system to move people, goods and services. Our state is the most trade-driven in the nation, with 40 percent of all jobs supported by international commerce.

The ports of Seattle and Tacoma together are the state's leading gateway for trade, moving more than \$77 billion in goods every year through the Seaport, and 35 million domestic and international passengers through Seattle Tacoma International Airport annually. The ports' economic activity today directly supports more than 48,000 jobs, generating \$379 million in state and local tax revenue, which can grow only with improvements in the transportation system.

The Port of Seattle has worked actively to support passage of a comprehensive state transportation funding measure that would address the needs of our trade gateways, transit and road systems for cities and counties.

Investment in our highways, bridges and transit systems is crucial for our state's economy. We must act now to maintain and repair our current roads and highways, provide funding for critical safety, freight and mobility projects and provide local governments with options to protect transit service and improve local roads.

Critical to the success of the two ports are robust freight corridors, such as the Puget Sound Gateway including SR-509 and SR-167, to reduce congestion and make the most efficient use of our transportation networks. These highways serve the Green and Puyallup River Valley distribution centers, and are vital links between the ports and manufacturers and growers throughout the state.

The ports of Seattle and Tacoma face strong competition from other West Coast, Canadian and East Coast ports, and improvements in regional transportation systems are essential to enabling our ports to grow and expand economic benefits throughout the state.