

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**  
**STAFF BRIEFING**

**Item No.** 7c  
**Date of Meeting** April 14, 2015

**DATE:** March 30, 2015  
**TO:** Seattle Port Commission  
**FROM:** Mike Merritt, Interim Commission Chief of Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Skybridge Announcements

**SYNOPSIS**

Port of Seattle Public Affairs will resume recording Port-related messages featuring Port Commissioners to be played on the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport skybridge public-address system. This briefing will describe the topics and schedule for upcoming messages.

**BACKGROUND**

For many years, Sea-Tac Airport has utilized a public address system in the skybridges connecting the parking garage and terminal to communicate airport information and other Port-related messages, including messages recorded by Port Commissioners.

Skybridge messages recorded by Commissioners were suspended in October 2013 following notification by the state Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) that a complaint had been received against four Commissioners alleging that the messages represented an improper use of public resources in support of election campaigns.

The PDC staff subsequently initiated an investigation of the complaint. On February 26, 2015, the PDC held a hearing on administrative charges against the Commissioners. On March 12, 2015, the PDC issued an order dismissing the charges. The PDC unanimously concluded that the messages were not developed or used for the purpose of assisting any campaigns and that the messages were part of the normal and regular conduct of their duties as Port Commissioners.

With the dismissal of the complaint, Port Public Affairs will resume recording Commissioner skybridge messages on the Century Agenda, port economic impacts, environmental programs and other topics.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING**

None.

**PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS**

None.