



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 9a

BRIEFING ITEM

Date of Meeting February 13, 2018

DATE: February 5, 2018

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SUBJECT: 2018 Local and Regional Government Relations Priorities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Port of Seattle government relations staff worked with Commissioners, executive team members, internal subject matter experts, and external stakeholders to develop local and regional policy priorities to guide Port advocacy efforts.

While many of the 2017 agenda items remain as part of the proposed 2018 agenda, a number of items have been reprioritized in reaction to local, state and federal activity.

2018 Local and Regional Government Relations Priorities

Top Priorities

Port-wide

- **Workforce Development and Priority Hire:** Support proposals to enhance local and regional investments in workforce development and career connected learning through direct program coordination with other public agencies and school boards, while collaborating with industry partners and private sector outreach. Work with other jurisdictions to implement regional priority hire policies through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Public Owner participants and an Interlocal Agreement between the Port, the City of Seattle and King County.
- **Economic Opportunity:** Support the jurisdictions and residents in King County to promote economic diversity and healthy, livable communities.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** Support an inclusive economy where opportunity and prosperity are widely shared regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or socio-economic status. Be a leading regional voice on immigration policies that ensure the Port, our partners and our customers have the workforce to succeed.

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- **Regional Mobility:** Actively partner with relevant public agencies on critical infrastructure projects throughout the region with focus on access to port facilities, key freight corridors and funding strategies. Engage regional transit agencies on airport transit access, protecting industrial lands and freight mobility and growing regional capacity. Work to improve sustainable transportation options and mobility.
- **Climate, Energy and Sustainability:** Support proposals that reduce the Port's carbon emissions and promote energy-efficient operation of transportation infrastructure and policies that promote renewable energy generation, and collaborate with other jurisdictions on climate resiliency, including Seattle City Light, the King County Climate Change Collaboration (K4C) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

Maritime/Seattle

- **Maritime and Manufacturing Stewardship:** Support local land use and transportation policies, as well as mechanisms that maintain or enhance maritime and manufacturing lands, and the critical road and rail infrastructure required for freight mobility. Collaborate with Washington Maritime Blue and the Governor's Maritime Innovation Advisory Council as appropriate. The goals being to preserve industrial lands, freight mobility, allow for the anticipated development of marine cargo facilities and support the growth of related living wage jobs.
- **Terminal 5 Modernization Project:** Continue work to secure the necessary permits for the project. Continue to educate and engage communities, elected officials, public agencies and all relevant stakeholders on the environmental highlights and economic benefits of the project, including, but not limited to the Air Quality Management Program and T5 Rail Quiet Zone.
- **Sound Transit 3, West Seattle and Ballard Extensions:** Advocate Port and NWSA properties and operations, as Sound Transit analyzes alternative alignments and schedules; and coordinate Port project goals with representatives of the fishing fleet and supporting industries, as well as other key maritime and manufacturing partners.
- **City of Seattle, Memorandum of Understanding:** Work collaboratively with the City of Seattle towards an overarching Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that builds off of the Safe and Swift Program MOU passed in 2017 and further strengthens our working relationship, formalizes our partnership in key areas of joint interest and establishes regular engagement between Port and City elected officials.

Aviation/Airport Communities

- **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP):** Continue to educate and engage communities, elected officials, public agencies and stakeholders on the development, public review and execution of the SAMP to address regional demand. Work with local communities and other

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public agencies on the Port's commitment to sustainability in all three areas: economic, environmental and equity. Position the SAMP, together with other Port-wide initiatives, to support future growth and economic opportunity to the communities near the airport and across the region.

- **Enhanced Community Engagement:** Foster a shared understanding with communities and local jurisdictions throughout King County that promotes good will and respect; supports collaborative public dialogue on key aviation projects and programs; and provide opportunities for the community to help inform airport-related decision making. Demonstrate Port leadership through the Highline Forum, the Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) and the Soundside Alliance.
- **Natural Resources Management:** Reflect the Port's commitment to environmental stewardship, including the Airport Communities Ecology Fund, Flight Corridor Safety Program implementation, Salmon Safe certification, improving water quality, and wildlife management programs such as honeybee boxes and raptor relocation.
- **City of SeaTac, Interlocal Agreement:** Continue working collaboratively with the City of SeaTac to implement the recently adopted Interlocal Agreement (ILA) concerning issues such as planning, land use and zoning, transportation, surface water management, critical environmental areas and public safety.

Additional Priority Issues

- **State and Federal Legislative Agendas:** Work in coordination and enhance activities related to implementing the 2018 state and federal legislative agendas, including transportation projects and funding requests, efforts to study future regional air capacity, noise insulation grant funding for airport-area public schools, ongoing support for studying the relationship between aviation activity and ultrafine particulate emissions, and coordination on anti-human trafficking efforts.
- **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC):** Advocate for regional ports' perspectives and priorities with respect to relevant grant applications, the Regional Centers Framework Update, the Amazing Place Regional Economic Strategy, the development of VISION 2050 and other key PSRC efforts in 2018. Engage regional and local leaders regarding to the Regional Aviation Baseline Study.
- **Economic Development Grant Programs:** Work with the Economic Development Division to promote statewide economic development through partnerships with cities, ports and nonprofit agencies, including the Port's Economic Development Partnership Grant and the Tourism Grant programs.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Continue to strengthen the Port's partnerships with local and regional agencies for mutual aid, coordination and communication.

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- **Taxes and Bonds:** Monitor proposed local measures which may increase taxes and fees to users of Port-owned facilities.
- **Seattle Local Improvement District (LID):** Monitor the City of Seattle’s process around a new waterfront LID which could result in fees from the Port of Seattle with respect to several Port properties, including Bell Harbor Conference Center, Pier 66 and the World Trade Center.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING

- (1) Presentation slides
- (2) 2018 State Legislative Agenda
- (3) 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

January 9, 2018 – The Commission adopted the 2018 federal legislative agenda.

October 24, 2017 – The Commission adopted the 2018 state legislative agenda.

January 17, 2017 – The Commission adopted the 2017 local and regional policy priorities.

December 13, 2016 – The Commission was briefed on 2017 local and regional policy priorities.

November 8, 2016 – The Commission authorized staff to pursue legislative priorities during the 2017 state legislative session.

October 25, 2016 – The Commission was briefed on 2017 state legislative priorities.

December 8, 2015 – The Commission was briefed on expected significant public policy legislation at all levels of government for 2016.