

Draft 2019 State Legislative Agenda

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Overview

- Olympia preview
- Agenda development process
 - Evaluate progress made last session
 - Incorporate ongoing work and core priorities
 - Consultation with subject matter experts around the Port
 - Meetings with commission staff and individual commissioners to review
- Next steps
 - Incorporate additional Commission feedback between now and 12/11
 - Seek Commission adoption of final agenda in 12/11 meeting

Questions?

Priority Agenda Items

Clean Fuels Standard: Support enactment of legislation that will incent the implementation of transportation fuels that reduce emissions related to port operations. Specifically, **support adoption of a clean fuels standard** that supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies and reduces the carbon intensity of fuels sold in Washington, and that can promote price competitiveness between the market for sustainable transportation fuels in Oregon, California, and Washington states.



Workforce development: Support proposals to enhance public investment in **workforce development in the maritime, manufacturing, and industrial** sectors. This includes proposed amendments to port statute to clarify the authority of port districts to continue to play a role in workforce development in these sectors.

Transportation access to Sea-Tac Airport: Continued state support for **funding of transportation networks that serve essential public facilities**, including funding to follow on a study underway at the Washington State Department of Transportation to upgrade State Route 518; and funding for potential early implementation of the Puget Sound Gateway program Upgrades to these critical freight corridors seek to address current and future demand related to increased regional development, including airport growth, that will affect transportation demand on that corridor and transportation impacts to residents.

Focus on Reducing Emissions, Growing Jobs, Increasing Opportunities

Priority Agenda Items – Continued



Maritime Innovation Center: Support Department of Commerce budget request that helps **fund development of Maritime Innovation Center**. The facility will help sustain and accelerate Washington’s key maritime industries.

Land use: Continue to advocate on land use issues facing Washington ports, with a specific focus on **zoning issues that may affect port competitiveness**. This may include:

- Proposals that are consistent with, but not limited to, the recommendations from the state legislature’s Spring 2016 **Joint Task Force on the Economic Resilience of Maritime and Manufacturing report**;
- Proposals that reflect the **“Guiding Principles: Stewardship, Enhancement, and Protection of Maritime and Manufacturing Lands”** document that was adopted by the Northwest Seaport Alliance on November 1, 2016; and
- Any legislative changes that **may impact the efficient functioning of statewide essential public facilities**

Focus on Promoting Innovation, Preserving Industrial Lands

Priority Issue Areas: Quality Jobs and Small Business

Quality Jobs: Support proposals that are consistent with the Port's focus on bringing quality, sustainable jobs to the region, including through proposals that:

- Ports engaging in **workforce training**
- **Career-connected learning** efforts at the state
- **Apprenticeship** programs
- Responsible enforcement of **labor standards**
- Support **rural economic development**



Quality, Sustainable Jobs – Workplace Equity – SWMBE Support

Priority Issue Areas: Quality Jobs and Small Business – Continued

Small Business: Provide equity in the workplace; promote inclusion of small businesses, including disadvantaged, minority, and women owned business enterprises (SMWBEs)

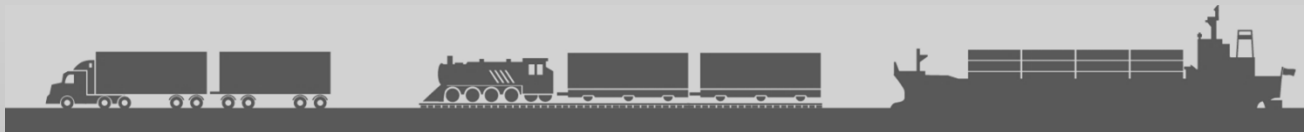
- **I-200** Repeal
- **Contracting flexibility** for public owners
- SMWBEs compete for **small works projects**
- Small business **capacity building and SMWBEs** compete in the government marketplace



Quality, Sustainable Jobs – Workplace Equity – SWMBE Support

Priority Issue Areas: Transportation

- Continued funding of **state transportation projects that are critical to Port of Seattle and Northwest Seaport Alliance** operations
- Speed the movement of freight and passengers from **origin to destination through seaport and airport** facilities
- Improve the **trade competitiveness** of Washington state and our gateway.
- Allow for **creative approaches to infrastructure** development
- Affirm the authority of the Port Commission to **control access to port facilities** by all transportation modes



Move Passengers and Freight Swiftly and Safely

Priority Issue Areas: Transportation – Continued

- Potential increase in **passenger vessel** routes.
- Promote **aviation safety** while maintaining the authority of airport operators.
- Promote **resilience in the transportation network**, including on issues of climate resilience.



Move Passengers and Freight Swiftly and Safely

Priority Issue Areas: Energy and Environment

- Support environmental cleanup programs and state-level policies that promote the adoption and implementation of clean energy sources, including:
 - Low-carbon fuels for transportation, low or zero emission transit options, and otherwise support **the continued reduction in the cost of low-carbon energy sources** to consumers in the state
 - Electrification of **large-scale transportation infrastructure**
 - **Puget Sound health** overall, including orca recovery work
 - Model Toxics Control Act (**MTCA**) funding and stabilization
 - Funding for the state's **Recreation and Conservation Office**, partnerships and funding on environmental cleanup
 - Disbursement of funds from the national **Volkswagen settlement**
 - Clean energy technology, **building energy efficiency**, statewide goals for clean power



Partner with State on Environmental Cleanup and Clean Energy Promotion

Priority Issue Areas: Energy and Environment – Continued

- State partnership with the Port on **sustainable aviation fuels**
- Climate change **resilience**



- Reduce **carbon and air pollution emissions for passengers and employees** traveling to and from Port facilities
- Policies advanced as part of the **Washington Maritime BLUE: 2050 initiative**
- Close consultation and **coordination with the Public Oversight Board** established by Initiative Measure Number 1631

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Priority Issue Areas: Tax, Governance and Technology

- **Tax:** Support tax policies at the state level that support the **economic health of port-related businesses and activities**, including:
 - Supports those communities that house the **warehousing and distribution infrastructure** necessary to support the Port of Seattle, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and its partners
 - Policies that **reduce the cost of manufacturing activities** that support port-related businesses
- **Governance:** Oppose legislation that would create an imbalance of representatives between the two homeports in their governing of the Northwest Seaport Alliance
- **Cybersecurity:** Vulnerability of public governments that manage **critical infrastructure**.
- **Broadband:** Bridge the **digital divide**



Port Facilities Support Thousands of Jobs at Businesses across WA

Next Steps

- Today – Commission briefing in public session
- Now through December 11, 2018– Incorporate feedback received
- December 11, 2018 – Ask Commission for adoption in public session
- November – December 2018 – Distribute agenda to key legislators; continue staff and elected level meetings with legislators
- January 14, 2019 – First day of 2019 state legislative session

Questions?

Appendix A – Priority Agenda Items

- a) **Clean Fuels Standard:** Support enactment of legislation that will incent the implementation of transportation fuels that reduce emissions related to port operations. Specifically, support adoption of a clean fuels standard that supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies and reduces the carbon intensity of fuels sold in Washington, and that can promote price competitiveness between the market for sustainable transportation fuels in Oregon, California, and Washington states.

- b) **Workforce development:** Support proposals to enhance public investment in workforce development in the maritime, manufacturing, and industrial sectors. This includes proposed amendments to port statute to clarify the authority of port districts to continue to play a role in workforce development in these sectors.

- c) **Transportation access to Sea-Tac Airport:** Continued state support for funding of transportation networks that serve essential public facilities, including funding to follow on a study underway at the Washington State Department of Transportation to upgrade State Route 518; and funding for potential early implementation of the Puget Sound Gateway program. Upgrades to these critical freight corridors seek to address current and future demand related to increased regional development, including airport growth, that will affect transportation demand on that corridor and transportation impacts to residents.

- d) **Maritime Innovation Center:** Support Department of Commerce capital budget request that helps fund development of Maritime Innovation Center. The facility will help sustain and accelerate Washington’s key maritime industries.

- e) **Land use:** Continue to advocate on land use issues facing Washington ports, with a specific focus on zoning issues that may affect port competitiveness. This may include:
 - Proposals that are consistent with, but not limited to, the recommendations from the state legislature’s Spring 2016 Joint Task Force on the Economic Resilience of Maritime and Manufacturing report;
 - Proposals that reflect the “Guiding Principles: Stewardship, Enhancement, and Protection of Maritime and Manufacturing Lands” document that was adopted by the Northwest Seaport Alliance on November 1, 2016; and
 - Any legislative changes that may impact the efficient functioning of statewide essential public facilities

Appendix B – Priority Issue Area, *Quality Jobs and Small Business*

a) *Quality Jobs and Small Business*

i) Quality Jobs: Support proposals that are consistent with the Port’s focus on bringing quality, sustainable jobs to the region, including through proposals that:

- (1) Clarify the authority of port districts to pursue creative approaches to workforce, as well any efforts to expand state-level support for worker training programs in the aviation, maritime, and manufacturing trades, and programs that seek to foster maritime innovation and incent the incorporation of new technology into port-related sectors.
- (2) Support career-connected and work-based learning programs that seek to expose middle- and high-school age students to professions in port-related industries.
- (3) Expand and strengthen state support for apprenticeship programs
- (4) Ensure responsible enforcement of labor standards.
- (5) Support rural economic development: Partner with the state and other ports and economic development actors to promote rural economic development initiatives, including rural broadband deployment, tourism promotion, support for small manufacturers in rural Washington, investments in freight corridors in rural areas, and other actions to support economic growth across Washington state.

ii) Small Business: Support proposals that seek to provide equity in the workplace for disadvantaged groups, and promote inclusion of small businesses, including disadvantaged, minority, and women owned business enterprises (SMWBEs). This includes:

- (1) Continued support for the repeal of Initiative 200, and other policy proposals that seek to achieve similar objectives.
- (2) Support for proposals that provide flexibility in contracting to public owners, including alternative public works, while ensuring that contracting practices enfranchise SMWBEs.
- (3) Support proposals that enhance the opportunities for SMWBEs to more effectively compete for small works projects.
- (4) Support business assistance programs at the state-level that are focused on small business capacity building and help SMWBEs to compete in the government marketplace.

Appendix B continued - Priority Issue Area, *Transportation*

b) Transportation:

- i) Closely monitor, and support continued funding of, state transportation projects that are critical to Port of Seattle and Northwest Seaport Alliance operations, including the Puget Sound Gateway Program (SR509/SR167), the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program, State Route 518, and others. This includes support for efforts to speed delivering of the Puget Sound Gateway program, and potential acceleration of other transportation projects that are critical to freight movement in the Puget Sound region.
- ii) Support proposals that speed the movement of freight and passengers from origin to destination through seaport and airport facilities and improve the trade competitiveness of Washington state and our gateway.
- iii) Support proposals that allow for creative approaches to infrastructure development and funding, including potential expansion of authority of public owners to partner with private entities, provided that such proposals do not compromise public infrastructure.
- iv) Support proposals that clarify and affirm the authority of the Port Commission to control access to port facilities by all transportation modes -- including private vehicle access, commercial ground transportation providers, and public transportation providers -- and promote fairness and equity among transportation service providers, in support of responsible operation in all areas of regulation, including insurance, monitoring, safety, and environmental standards
- v) Support state engagement in regional conversations related to a potential increase in passenger vessel routes operating in Puget Sound.
- vi) Support proposals intended to promote aviation safety while maintaining the authority of airport operators to enforce their own rules and regulations at the facilities within their control.
- vii) Support state actions that promote resilience in the transportation network, and support collaboration with other government agencies, including on issues of climate resilience.

Appendix B continued – Priority Issue Area, *Energy and Environment*

c) *Energy and Environment*: Support and advocate for continued state investment in environmental cleanup programs and state-level policies that promote the adoption and implementation of clean energy sources to reduce the state’s reliance on fossil fuels and seek to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. That includes:

i) Policies that promote the use of low-carbon fuels for transportation, low or zero emission transit options, and otherwise support the continued reduction in the cost of low-carbon energy sources to consumers in the state, including potential legislative changes to allow for electrification of large-scale transportation infrastructure or that clarify the role of public utilities in relation to the electrification of transportation and building sectors.

ii) Programs directed at Puget Sound health and water quality overall, including potential advocacy related to the recommendations made by the Governor’s Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force or otherwise concerned with orca recovery in the Puget Sound.

iii) Programs funded through the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) that assist Ports in their efforts to promote environmental stewardship, along with efforts to stabilize the MTCA account to ensure long-term funding availability for core programs.

iv) Continued robust funding for the state’s Recreation and Conservation Office, and any additional state-level program or office that supports partnerships and funding on environmental cleanup, habitat restoration, and public access to the shoreline and marine resources.

v) Work with state and local agencies on disbursement of funds from the national Volkswagen settlement, including efforts that direct funds to regionally significant projects and projects that result in significant emissions reductions at airports and seaports across the state.

Appendix B continued – Priority Issue Area, *Energy and Environment*

- vi) Policies that promote use of clean energy technology, building energy efficiency, and support a statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as well as statewide goals for clean power, and that can be implemented in ways that: leverage our state’s competitiveness; maintain the efficient operation of essential public facilities such as airports and seaports; and support equity between our business partners.

- vii) State support for partnership with the Port on sustainable aviation fuels, including state-level actions intended to drive development of clean fuels within the state for use at in-state transportation facilities.

- viii) Support state actions that promote climate change resilience, and support collaboration with other government agencies in this effort, including a focus on resilience within the transportation network.

- ix) Policies that reduce carbon and air pollution emissions for passengers and employees traveling to and from Port facilities, including promoting and improving the efficient efficiency of public transit transportation improvements, public transit, and increasing the availability of low carbon fuels.

- x) Policies advanced as part of the Washington Maritime BLUE: 2050 initiative, which seeks to ensure that Washington state is home to the nation’s most sustainable maritime industry by 2050, through maritime clean tech innovation and best management practices that support living-wage jobs, a healthy environment and resilient communities.

- xi) Close consultation and coordination with the Public Oversight Board, established by Initiative Measure Number 1631 and charged with recommending expenditures from the Clean Up Pollution Fund, regarding priority investments to reduce carbon emissions from port-related infrastructure and activities.

Appendix B continued – Priority Issue Area, *Tax, Governance, and Technology*

d) Tax, Governance, Technology:

i) Tax: Support tax policies at the state level that support the economic health of port-related businesses and activities, including:

(1) Policies that promote the efficient movement of freight and supports those communities that house the warehousing and distribution infrastructure necessary to enable the Port of Seattle, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and its partner entities to serve Washington State businesses, including in agriculture, manufacturing, and trade sectors.

(2) Policies that reduce the cost of manufacturing activities that support port-related businesses, including businesses that support the efficient functioning of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and that incentivize construction of fishing vessels in Washington State shipyards.

ii) Governance: Oppose legislation that would create an imbalance of representatives between the two homeports in their governing of the Northwest Seaport Alliance. And further, advocate that any legislative proposal that would alter the previously voter established governance structure of either homeport include ratification by citizen vote within the respective homeport district(s).

iii) Cybersecurity: Monitor proposals with the intent of balancing the importance of transparency and public disclosure with maintaining and enhancing the security of critical infrastructure.

iv) Broadband: Support continued state and local government efforts to bridge the digital divide and bring high-speed internet connectivity to communities around the state.