

# Draft Federal Legislative Agenda for 2019

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# Overview

- 2018 Key Accomplishments & 2019 Outlook
- Priority Agenda Items – Port-wide, Aviation & Maritime
- Additional Issues
  - Supporting or Engaging
  - Monitoring
- Next steps
  - Incorporate Commission feedback
  - Seek Commission adoption at 1/8/19 meeting

# 2018 Successes

## *Maritime*

- **HMT:**
  - Achieved unified port industry position on Harbor Maintenance Tax reform
  - Congressional appropriation of the full \$50 million authorized amount for the Section 2106 donor port program
- **Deepening:**
  - Received the USACE Chief's report on the Seattle waterway deepening project and authorization
  - Authorization for a Tacoma waterway deepening study in the USACE FY18 work plan

## *Aviation*

- **Highline Schools:** Passage of legislation ensuring eligibility for noise insulation grant funding
- **TSA Canines:** Passage of legislation creating third-party training and acquisition of TSA passenger screening canines
- **TSA Staffing:** Increased engagement by TSA DC leadership on passenger screening wait times issues
- **IAF Activation:** Improved partnership with CBP DC leadership on IAF construction and operational readiness efforts

## *Port-wide*

- **CBP Staffing:** 19 additional CBP officers assigned to Area Port of Seattle aviation and maritime operations
- **Tariffs:** Substantive engagement, including testimony to the US House Ways and Means Committee and comment letters on proposed Chinese and automotive tariffs

Impactful Progress on Current Port Priorities

# 2019 Outlook

- **2018 elections resulted in divided government:** Democrat control of House, Republican control of Senate/White House
- **Immediate impact: Washington Delegation Committee & Subcommittee leadership roles**
  - House Armed Services Committee Chair (annual NDAA vehicle jurisdiction)
  - House Transportation Committee Aviation Subcommittee Chair (FAA oversight)
  - Senate Commerce Committee Ranking Member (USDOT, Coast Guard, FAA & TSA oversight)
- **Potential areas of Port-relevant progress:**
  - Infrastructure
  - Appropriations (Section 2106 funding, TSA & CBP staffing, infrastructure & environmental grants)
  - Trade (EU, Japan, UK)
- **Potential areas of Port-relevant conflict**
  - Investigations/impeachment
  - Trade (USMCA, tariffs)
  - Immigration

Potential Opportunities for Progress on Port Priorities

# Priority Agenda Items – Port-wide

- **Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:**
  - Immigration policies that ensure Port success as well as welcoming of local immigrants and refugees
  - Productive, strategic engagement on trade, ensuring tariffs and quotas are targeted and a last resort; prioritize trade promotion and infrastructure with tariff collection revenues.



Top Port Priorities

# Priority Agenda Items – Aviation

- **Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:**
  - Raise the federal PFC cap, maintaining Commission oversight
- **Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:**
  - *Partner with CBP to ensure success of the International Arrivals Facility (staffing, ORAT)*
  - Partner with TSA to reduce wait times (staffing, canines and technology)
- **Increased Airport Community Focus:**
  - Increased FAA engagement with local communities,  
*including dedicated regional staffing for this purpose*
  - *Federal study of overflight noise on human health*
  - Increased flexibility to address community needs
- **Expanded Sustainable Aviation Fuels Deployment:**
  - Use of airport & federal grant revenue for benefits of fuel switching
  - Federal incentives for research, as well as feedstock processing and fuel production facilities



Top Port Priorities – *Italics represent new items for 2019*

# Priority Agenda Items – Maritime

- **Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) Reform:**
  - Reform the HMT to not disadvantage US ports and provide greater equity for donor ports
  - Secure \$50 million for the “donor port” HMT rebate program
- **Fishing Fleet Modernization:**
  - Reform NOAA’s Fisheries Finance Program (FFP) for fishing vessels
  - Increase the FFP loan authority
- **Seattle and Tacoma Harbor Deepening:**
  - Obtain funding for design for deepening federal channels serving T-18, T-30 and T-5 in Seattle and for Tacoma feasibility study.



# Priority Agenda Items – Maritime (cont'd)

- **Hiram M. Chittenden Locks Funding:**
  - Advocate for funding for continued federal operation and maintenance of the locks
- **National Freight Policy and Funding:**
  - Support funding for a strengthened national multimodal freight strategy and related grant programs, including TIGER/BUILD. Support sustainable revenue source for freight.
- **Terminal 5 Modernization Project:**
  - Secure funding for the Terminal 5 Modernization Project
- **Safe and Efficient Cargo Screening:**
  - Advocate for adequate CBP staffing levels
  - Ensure the federal responsibility for funding CBP services, equipment and facility development
- **Puget Sound Restoration:**
  - Support federal resources for Puget Sound restoration



Top Port Priorities



# Additional Priority Issue Areas: Port-wide

- **Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:**
  - Trade policies that open new markets and level playing fields, while protecting workers and the environment
  - Permanent protections for DACA-eligible residents
  - Partnerships to welcome immigrants and refugees to the Port
- **Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:**
  - Increased aviation, maritime and freight-mobility funding through appropriations or comprehensive investment legislation
- **Increased Community Focus:**
  - Improve human trafficking prevention and intervention efforts



Support and Engage

# Additional Priority Issue Areas: Aviation

- **Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:**
  - Federal and Congressional support for current and future airport capital projects
- **Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:**
  - CBP staffing appropriations and TSA law enforcement grant funding
  - *Federal engagement on insider threat best practices based on the 8/10 unauthorized flight incident*
  - *In-flight sexual assault prevention efforts*
- **Increased Community Focus:**
  - *FAA funding for replacement noise insulation packages*
  - Federal ultra-fine particulate research
  - *Alternatives to fluorinated fire-fighting foams*
- **Expanded Sustainable Aviation Fuels Deployment:**
  - *Federal participation in the Port's Industry Day*
  - *Farm Bill R&D funding*



Support and Engage – *Italics represent new items for 2019*

# Additional Priority Issue Areas: Maritime

- **Diesel Emissions Reductions, DERA and alternative fuels:**
  - Support funding for the EPA DERA program and programs that support alternative fuel use at seaports
- **Pebble Mine at Bristol Bay and Offshore Drilling**
  - Oppose mining activity in the Bristol Bay watershed that put fisheries at risk.
  - Oppose offshore oil and gas drilling in both state and federal waters off the coastline of Washington state.
- **Jones Act:**
  - Support the Jones Act with limited flexibility to grant waivers



Support and Engage

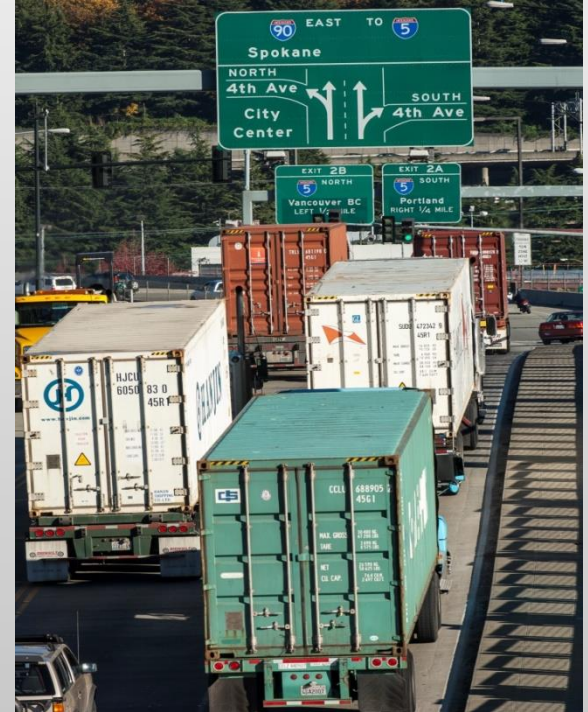
# Additional Issues to Monitor

## Port-wide

- **Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:**
  - Real ID implementation
  - Foreign tourism promotion
- **Airport Communities Focus:**
  - Environmental, economic & workforce development funding
  - Local government priorities, such as housing and transportation

## Aviation

- **Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:**
  - PreCheck expansion and TSA innovation
  - Air Traffic Control system-wide investments
  - FAA Safety Management Systems improvements
  - *Research on the impact of TSO compensation on retention & net costs*
- **Increased Community Focus:**
  - Track evaluations of/alternatives for the 65 DNL noise mitigation standard
  - Increased federal innovation in addressing aircraft impacts



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# Next Steps

- Today – Commission briefing in public session
- Now through December 31, 2018 – Incorporate feedback received
- January 8, 2019 – Ask Commission for adoption in public session
- January 2019
  - Meetings with Congressional offices to distribute agenda and share priorities
  - Engagement with new Washington State Members of Congress

Questions?