

Draft Federal Legislative Agenda for 2020

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Overview

- 2019 Key Accomplishments & 2020 Outlook
- Priority Agenda Items – Port-wide, Aviation & Maritime
- Additional Issues
 - Supporting or Engaging
 - Monitoring
- Next steps
 - Incorporate Commission feedback
 - Seek Commission adoption at 1/28/20 meeting

2019 Successes

Maritime

- **HMT:**
 - HMT reform legislation we helped develop was introduced by the Senate EPW Committee and is under consideration for the 2020 water resources bill.
 - Helped prevent adoption of HMT reform proposals that did not address donor port issues.
 - Appropriation of the full \$50 million authorized amount for the Section 2106 donor port program is on track
- **Freight policy:**
 - New Port Infrastructure Development Program grants created in FY19 appropriations bill. NWSA submits application.
 - Surface transportation authorization proposal expands port eligibility under INFRA and freight formula programs

Aviation

- **TSA Staffing:** Increased TSA staffing levels and compensation at Sea-Tac; MD Lyttle testified in House Homeland on this topic
- **IAF Activation:** Improved partnership with CBP DC leadership on IAF construction and operational readiness efforts; included language prioritizing CBP staffing to new international facilities in the FY20 Senate THUD appropriations bill
- **Aviation Noise:** Developed shared federal priorities with airport communities; successfully pushed for hiring of an FAA regional community outreach liaison.
- **SAF:** Included committee report language on a fuel resiliency study in the National Defense Authorization Act

Port-wide

- **Sustainability:** Commissioner Felleman testified in a House Commerce Committee hearing on decarbonization
- **Tariffs:** Substantive engagement, including a joint letter from West Coast Ports. Removal of cranes from tariff list.
- **Trafficking:** Played major role in the US Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking report.

Impactful Progress on Current Port Priorities

2020 Outlook

- **Presidential Election year + impeachment has potential to stymie most legislative action**
- **Potential for delays or baseline levels in FY2021 appropriations; shutdown risk exists**
- **Potential areas of Port-relevant progress:**
 - Appropriations (Section 2106 funding, TSA & CBP staffing, infrastructure & environmental grants)
 - Trade (UK)
- **Potential areas of Port-relevant conflict**
 - Trade (China)
 - 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:**
 - *FAA Reauthorization priorities identified by StART: evaluation of the 65 DNL noise standard; study of overflight noise/human health; and proposed environmental mitigation pilot program.*
 - *StART federal priorities: Smith ultra-fine particulates bill, Lynch aircraft expert consensus act, Smith secondary noise mitigation investments bill, alternatives to commercial airplane travel.*
- **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 2020*

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 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 support 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.
- **Safe and Efficient Cargo *and Passenger* 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
 - *Regulatory reform to speed habitat site development*
 - *Support federal engagement in orca recovery*



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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
 - *Standardized federal regulations on biometric technology/data*
- **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 – *Italics represent new items for 2020*

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
 - *Increased Seattle-based flights into DCA*
 - *Increased funding for UAS detection/mitigation; increased local law enforcement authority*
 - *Expedited airfield management program deployment*
- **Increased Community Focus:**
 - Alternatives to fluorinated fire-fighting foams
- **Expanded Sustainable Aviation Fuels Deployment:**
 - Pursue policies through the annual National Defense Authorization Act that leverage the U.S. Department of Defense as a key partner in sustainable aviation fuels research and implementation.



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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 *and Coast Guard facilities*
- **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



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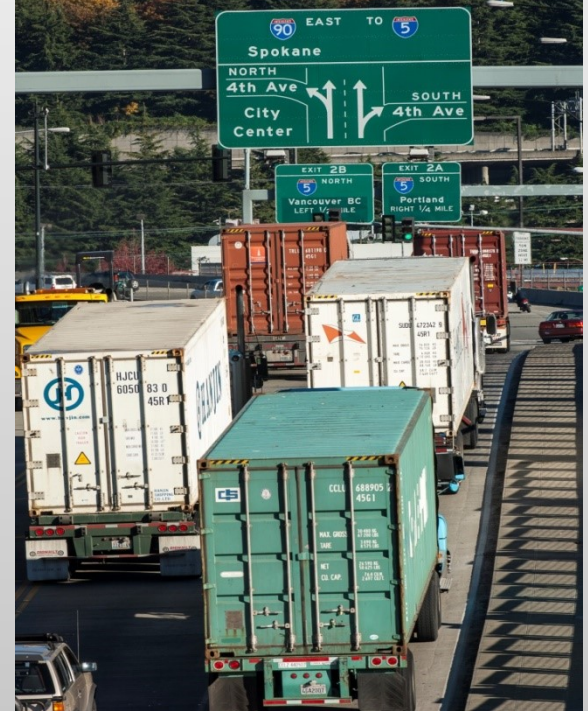
Additional Issues to Monitor

Port-wide

- **Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:**
 - Real ID implementation
 - Foreign tourism promotion
 - *Census 2020*
- **Community Focus:**
 - Environmental, economic & workforce development funding & support
 - 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 improvement
 - *Appropriate Urban Air Mobility policy and regulation*
 - *TSA reimbursements to airports for checkpoint-area janitorial services*



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Next Steps

- Today – Commission briefing in public session
- Now through January 28, 2020 – Incorporate feedback received
- January 28, 2020 – Ask Commission for adoption in public session
- February 2020 – Meetings with Congressional offices to distribute agenda and share priorities

Questions?