

Draft Federal Legislative Agenda for 2020

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Overview

- Priority Agenda Items – Port-wide, Aviation & Maritime
- Additional Issues
 - Supporting or Engaging
 - Monitoring
- Next steps
 - Seek Commission adoption
 - Share priorities with federal stakeholders, and begin implementation

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.
- ***Comprehensive Solutions to Address the Climate Crisis:***
 - *Comprehensive proposals for sector-specific and economy-wide solutions to address the climate crisis, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful toxic pollutants, provide flexibility to respond to changing market conditions and technological advances, and put the United States on the path to a clean and prosperous economy.*



Top Port Priorities – *Italics represent new items for 2020*

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

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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*
 - *Support funding for maritime innovation*



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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



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Additional Priority Issue Areas: Aviation

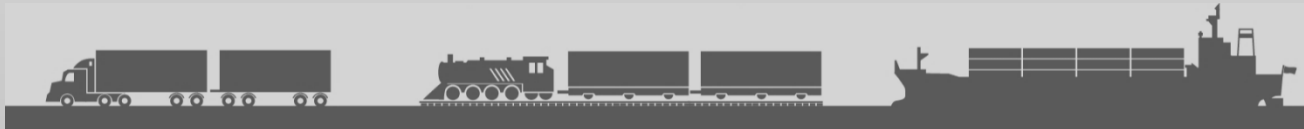
- **Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:**
 - Federal and Congressional support for current and future airport capital projects
- **Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:**
 - CBP staffing appropriations and TSA law enforcement grant funding
 - *Increased Seattle-based flights into DCA*
 - *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

- **Emissions Reductions, DERA and alternative fuels:**
 - Support funding for the EPA DERA program and programs that support alternative fuel use at seaports and encourage efforts at the IMO to reduce vessel emissions
- **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 and Domestic Cargo:**
 - Support the Jones Act with limited flexibility to grant waivers
 - Advocate for funding and policies that support the Port's domestic cargo activity



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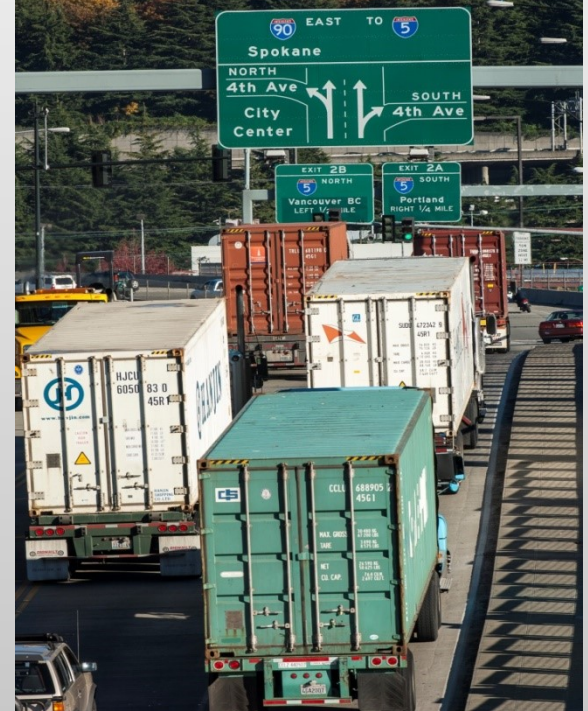
Additional Issues to Monitor

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

- January 28, 2020 – Ask Commission for adoption in public session
- February 2020 – Meetings with Congressional offices to distribute agenda and share priorities

Questions?