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Overview

- Priority Agenda Items Port-wide, Aviation & Maritime
- Additional Issues
 - Supporting or Engaging
 - Monitoring
- Next steps
 - Seek Commission adoption at 1/9 meeting
 - Share approved federal priorities with key stakeholders

Questions?

Priority Agenda Items – Port-wide

- Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:
 - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program
 - "Travel ban" executive order
 - Comprehensive immigration policies that ensure the Port, its partner and its customers have the workforce to succeed in the global economy.



Top Port Priorities

Priority Agenda Items – Aviation

- Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:
 - Long-term FAA Reauthorization
 - Federal infrastructure investment package.
 - Raise the PFC cap, maintaining Commission oversight
- Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:
 - Increase deployed TSA passenger screening canine teams
 - Allow airports to train canines for local TSA use
 - Preserve TSA funding for Law Enforcement Officer reimbursement grants
 - Increase CBP airport staffing



Top Port Priorities

Priority Agenda Items – Aviation (con't)

- Increased Community Focus:
 - Federal efforts to study regional air capacity
 - FAA direct engagement with local communities
 - Eligibility of airport-area public schools for FAA AIP noise insulation grant funding
 - Federal study on aviation activity and ultrafine particulate emissions
 - Greater flexibility for airports to address community needs: workforce & economic development, Project Labor Agreements, and disadvantaged business contracting
- Expanded Aviation Biofuels Deployment:
 - Authority to use airport revenue to support fuel switching
 - Incentives for feedstock and production facilities

Priority Agenda Items – Maritime

- Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) Reform:
 - Reform the HMT to not disadvantage US ports and provide greater equity for donor ports
 - \$50 million for the "donor port" HMT rebate program
- Fishing Fleet Modernization:
 - Reforms NOAA's Fisheries Finance Program (FFP) for fishing vessels
 - Increase the FFP loan authority
- Seattle Harbor Deepening:
 - Deepening of federal channels serving T-18, T-30 and T-5



Top Port Priorities

Priority Agenda Items – Maritime (con't)

- Hiram M. Chittenden Locks Funding:
 - Funding for continued federal operation and maintenance of the locks
- National Freight Policy and Funding:
 - Funding for a strengthened national multimodal freight strategy and related grant programs
- Terminal 5 Modernization Project:
 - Funding for the Terminal 5 Modernization Project
- Safe and Efficient Cargo Screening:
 - Adequate CBP staffing levels
 - Ensure the federal responsibility for funding CBP services, equipment and facility development
- Puget Sound Restoration:
 - Federal resources for Puget Sound restoration





Additional Priority Issue Areas: Port-wide

- Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:
 - Tax reform that creates revenue to fund infrastructure programs, reduce Port bond financing costs and addresses the HMT
- Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:
 - Trade policies that open new markets and level playing fields, while protecting workers and the environment
- Increased Community Focus:
 - Funding and policies for economic development, tourism development and workforce development
 - Funding for emissions reduction and water quality programs
 - Improve human trafficking prevention and intervention efforts



Additional Priority Issue Areas: Aviation

- Sufficient Infrastructure Funding and Flexibility:
 - Support for progress on current and future capital projects
- Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:
 - Oppose ATC governance changes that negatively impact statewide airports, community needs or long-term investment predictability
 - Increased systems and policies for safety management and airfield risk.
- Increased Community Focus:
 - Support for innovative strategies to offset air quality emissions associated with increased air traffic growth
- Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:
 - Reasonable timeframe for implementation of REAL ID



Additional Priority Issue Areas: Maritime

- Diesel Emissions Reductions and DERA:
 - Funding for the EPA DERA program
- Pebble Mine at Bristol Bay
 - Oppose mining activity in the Bristol Bay watershed that put fisheries at risk.
- Jones Act:
 - Support the Jones Act with limited flexibility to grant waivers



Additional Issues to Monitor

Port-wide

- Increased Communities Focus:
 - Support key federal priorities of our local partners

Aviation

- Efficient and Safe Airport Operations:
 - Support PreCheck expansion and TSA innovation
- Increased Community Focus:
 - Review proposed changes to the 65 DNL noise mitigation standard
- Goods Movement User Fees:
 - Support freight infrastructure funding via strategic user fees

