



**COMMISSION  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**Item No.** 9a

**BRIEFING ITEM**

**Date of Meeting** January 8, 2019

**DATE:** December 14, 2018  
**TO:** Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director  
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**SUBJECT:** 2019 Local and Regional Government Policy Priorities Briefing

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Port of Seattle government relations staff worked with Commissioners, executive team members, internal subject matter experts, and external stakeholders to develop local and regional policy priorities to guide Port advocacy efforts. Commission policy actions in 2018 are included as priorities for 2019.

**2019 LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PRIORTIES**

**Port-wide/Regional Issues**

- **Climate, Energy and Sustainability:** Support legislative or regulatory policies by King County cities and King County that align with the Port's efforts to reduce carbon emissions, promote energy-efficient operation of transportation infrastructure, and encourage renewable energy generation. Facilitate collaboration with those jurisdictions on climate resiliency, including Seattle City Light, the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Participate in local and regional partnerships to support policy at the State and Federal level that relates to the Port's sustainability goals, including the Clean Fuels Standard and scaling sustainable aviation fuels.
- **Regional Mobility:** Actively partner with relevant public transportation agencies on critical infrastructure projects throughout the Puget Sound region with focus on access to port facilities, key freight corridors, regional mobility and funding strategies. Engage regional transit agencies on Sea-Tac Airport transit access, West Seattle and Ballard Sound Transit Link extensions to protect industrial lands and freight mobility as well as growing regional capacity. Work with regional partners, stakeholders, and other public agencies to improve sustainable transportation options and mobility, while considering opportunities for mode shifts. Focus on the timely and on-budget delivery of priority projects including SR 509, the SR 518 study, improved transit and/or multimodal access to the airport, "WaterfrontSeattle"/Alaskan Way, the Safe and Swift Corridor, and the Interbay corridor.

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- **Workforce Development and Priority Hire:** Support implementation of the Port of Seattle’s Priority Hire Policy in construction contracts by finalizing an interlocal agreement between King County, City of Seattle and the Port of Seattle to ensure a pipeline of eligible workers for this initiative. Support the Workforce Development Manager’s work with industry partners to support career-connected learning programs and collaborate on regional workforce investments, considering efforts like Youth Maritime Collaborative and potential maritime high school. In working through intergovernmental collaboration, support the workforce pipeline with regional apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. Build equity into our workforce system and increase capacity and inclusion in Port-related economic opportunities, by collaborating with surrounding communities and regional partners.
- **Economic Opportunity:** Support legislative or regulatory policies by King County cities and King County that support the Port’s efforts to promote economic diversity and healthy, livable communities.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** Facilitate collaboration with King County cities and King County to promote an inclusive economy where opportunity and prosperity are widely shared regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or socio-economic status, including highlighting the planned 2019 addition of the Port’s new equity executive position and supporting work with the Duwamish Valley community. Bring together other local government partners to promote immigration policies that ensure the Port, our partners and our customers have the workforce to succeed, and that new residents and visitors feel fully welcomed.

### Maritime/Seattle

- **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Project Implementation:** Continue to engage local jurisdictions and other partners in securing and expanding support for the Maritime and Economic Development projects contained in the Port’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan, especially focused on the proposed fourth cruise berth. Continue to educate and engage local elected officials and public agencies on the economic benefits of the new cruise berth and other waterfront capital projects. Work closely with the City of Seattle to ensure all necessary permitting, including environmental mitigation, and other administrative approvals for these projects.
- **Terminal 5 Modernization Project:** Continue work to secure the necessary City of Seattle permits for this project. Continue to educate and engage elected officials, public agencies and all relevant stakeholders on the environmental highlights and economic benefits of the project – including, but not limited to the Air Quality Management Program and T5 Rail Quiet Zone. Explore opportunities to reduce cost drivers through leveraging support from other local jurisdictions and public agencies.
- **Seattle Waterfront Energy Plan:** Secure partnerships with other jurisdictions towards modernizing the electrical power distribution grid to provide clean energy to Seattle’s

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working waterfront to increase regional competitiveness, create jobs, improve community health, and confront climate change, focusing initially on providing cold ironing capabilities to Pier 66.

- **Sound Transit 3 West Seattle and Ballard Extensions:** Advocate for alignments that have minimal impacts on Port and NWSA properties and operations. Develop a unified coalition of maritime and manufacturing/industrial stakeholders to promote the Port’s preferred ST3 alternatives.
- **Magnolia Bridge/Interbay:** Continue to work with the City of Seattle on its effort to find transportation solutions related to the Magnolia Bridge and Ballard Bridge and the Interbay corridor. Continue to advocate for freight mobility through the corridor and transportation solutions to minimize or mitigate impacts to Port property and operations, including impacts to Terminal 91 and Fishermen’s Terminal.
- **Safe and Swift:** Continue to coordinate with the City of Seattle to support the Safe and Swift Corridors MOU, which includes the Lander St Bridge, Heavy Haul network, and improvements to the corridors around the Key Arena redevelopment, a body of work that potentially includes up to \$15 million in additional Port investments beyond prior commitments. Encourage strong collaboration around Port/City transportation priorities, specifically protection of freight lands and corridors, completion of relevant projects, and enhancement of Port property (or mitigation where applicable).

### Aviation/Airport Communities

- **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Near-Term Projects:** Continue to educate and engage elected officials, public agencies and other stakeholders on the environmental review and proposed execution of the SAMP Near-Term Projects to address regional demand. Promote the SAMP Near-Term Projects, together with other Port-wide initiatives, as key to supporting future growth and economic opportunity to the communities near the airport and across the region.
- **Highline Forum, Soundside Alliance, and Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART):** Demonstrate Port leadership in South King County community issues through engagement with elected officials at the Highline Forum and in the Soundside Alliance. Help foster respectful, meaningful and collaborative opportunities for jurisdictional collaboration through the Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) to address airport community concerns.
- **South King County Support Program:** Work with the cities surrounding Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to help identify proposals to implement the Port Commission’s airport communities support program.

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- **Community Employment, Workforce Development, and Equity in Contracting:** Encourage airport-area cities to help promote workforce development opportunities for their residents, through the Fair Works Center in South King County, the Equity Program, and the Diversity in Contracting program as a way to provide economic opportunities to disadvantaged communities.
- **Natural Resources Stewardship:** Keep elected officials updated and informed regarding the Port's commitment to environmental stewardship, including the Airport Communities Ecology Fund, Flight Corridor Safety Program implementation, Salmon Safe certification, the land stewardship plan, water quality programs, and wildlife management programs such as honeybee boxes and raptor relocation.

**City of SeaTac Interlocal Agreement:** Continue working collaboratively with the City of SeaTac, daily and through the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC), to implement the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) concerning issues such as planning, land use and zoning, transportation, surface water management, critical environmental areas, issues related to North SeaTac Park, and public safety.

#### **Additional Priorities**

- **State and Federal Legislative Agendas:** Work in coordination and enhance activities related to implementing the 2019 state and federal legislative agendas, including transportation projects and funding requests, coordination around seeking equity among transportation network providers, efforts to study future regional air capacity, air cargo, noise insulation grant funding for airport-area public schools, partnerships on use of sustainable aviation fuels, ongoing support for studying the relationship between aviation activity and ultrafine particulate emissions, and coordination on anti-human trafficking efforts.
- **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC):** Advocate for regional ports' perspectives and priorities with respect to preparing for the 2020 grant cycle, the implementation of the Amazing Place Regional Economic Strategy, the development of VISION 2050 and support for Manufacturing & Industrial Centers, and other key PSRC efforts in 2019. Monitor and provide support, as needed, to the Regional Aviation Baseline Study. Monitor the agencies engagement around regional efforts to expand passenger ferry service.
- **Maritime and Manufacturing Stewardship:** Support local land use and transportation policies, as well as mechanisms that maintain or enhance maritime and manufacturing lands, and the critical road and rail infrastructure required for freight mobility. Advocate strongly for legislative and regulatory decisions that preserve industrial lands, enhance freight mobility, allow for the anticipated development of marine cargo facilities and support the growth of related living wage jobs.

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- **Economic Development Grant Programs:** Work with the Economic Development Division to promote statewide economic development through partnerships with cities, ports and nonprofit agencies, including the Port’s Economic Development Partnership Grant and the Tourism Grant programs.
- **“WaterfrontSeattle” Local Improvement District (LID):** Monitor the City of Seattle’s process around a new Waterfront LID which could result in fees charged to several Port properties in the Pier 66 Bell Harbor Complex.
- **Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness:** Continue to strengthen the Port’s partnerships with local and regional agencies for mutual aid, coordination and communication.
- **Taxes and Bonds:** Monitor proposed local measures which may increase taxes and fees to users of Port-owned facilities.
- **City of Seattle Beacon Hill Air and Noise Study:** Monitor and constructively engage with the City of Seattle and other public agencies (as appropriate) on this community health study.
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**ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING**

- (1) Presentation slides

**PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS**

December 11, 2018 – The Commission adopted the 2019 federal legislative agenda

December 11, 2018 – The Commission adopted the 2019 state legislative agenda

February 27, 2018 – The Commission adopted the 2018 local and regional government relations priorities