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Overview

- Olympia preview
- Agenda development process
 - Evaluate progress made last session
 - Incorporate ongoing work and core priorities
 - Consultation with subject matter experts around the Port
 - Meetings with commission staff and individual commissioners to review
 - Incorporated additional feedback from 11/19 briefing
- Next steps
 - Begin distributing finalized agenda document to key lawmakers

Questions on process?

Priority Agenda Items

a) Protecting and Promoting Assets of Statewide Significance:

i) *Land use:* Continue to advocate on land use issues facing Washington ports, with a specific focus on zoning issues that may affect port competitiveness. This may include:

- (1) Proposals that reflect the “Guiding Principles: Stewardship, Enhancement, and Protection of Maritime and Manufacturing Lands” document that was adopted by the Northwest Seaport Alliance on November 1, 2016;
- (2) Proposals that reflect the Port’s commitment to environmental sustainability, including promoting Puget Sound health and resource stewardship, and reflect the Commission view that manufacturing and industrial centers designated under the Growth Management Act are resource lands of statewide economic significance that are irreplaceable; and
- (3) Proposals that recognize the role industrial resource lands play in supporting diverse economic sectors that provide ladders of opportunity to underserved groups; and
- (4) [REQUESTED ADDITION] Proposals that seek to strengthen the Container Ports Element of the Growth Management Act**
- (5) Recommendations related to the Department of Commerce’s Interbay Public Development Advisory Committee; and
- (6) Any legislative changes that may impact the efficient functioning of statewide essential public facilities.

ii) *Port grant program:* Emphasize importance of including a port-specific grant program within any long-term transportation package under development, in order to ensure that infrastructure upgrades at ports keep pace with infrastructure investment statewide

iii) *Export promotion:* Continue to deepen partnership with Washington State Department of Commerce and other stakeholders on promoting Washington state as an international trading partner, supporting the state’s exporters while also ensuring that transportation facilities that support trade are modernized, world-class, and can operate efficiently.



Port facilities as assets of statewide significance

Priority Agenda Items – Continued



b) Protecting the environment and promoting sustainable economic development:

i) *Clean Fuels Standard*: Support enactment of legislation that will incent the implementation of transportation fuels that reduce emissions related to port operations. Specifically, support adoption of a clean fuels standard that supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies and reduces the carbon intensity of fuels sold in Washington, and that can promote price competitiveness between the market for sustainable transportation fuels in Oregon, California, and Washington states.

ii) *Maritime decarbonization*: Pursue continued state partnership with efforts to reduce carbon emissions from waterfront operations while maintaining the international competitive edge that supports job growth in Washington state. This includes partnership on electric transmission infrastructure development, on innovation in the clean maritime sector, and on the state’s ongoing Maritime Blue 2050 initiative.

iii) *Partnering for community improvements*: Improve the ability of port districts and other local governments to partner with community service organizations to provide public improvements to parks and other open spaces by reducing the required financial contribution that must be provided by those organizations.

Reducing Emissions, Promoting Community Partnerships

Priority Issue Areas: Quality Jobs and Small Business

Quality Jobs: Support proposals that are consistent with the Port's focus on bringing quality, sustainable jobs to the region, including through proposals that:

- Ports engaging in **workforce training**
- **Career-connected learning** efforts at the state
- **Apprenticeship** programs
- Responsible enforcement of **labor standards**
- *[REQUESTED ADDITION] Economic opportunity for airport workers*
- Support **rural economic development**



Quality, Sustainable Jobs – Workplace Equity – SWMBE Support

Priority Issue Areas: Quality Jobs and Small Business – Continued

Small Business: Reduce barriers and provide equity in the workplace; promote inclusion of small businesses, including disadvantaged, minority, and women owned business enterprises (SMWBEs)

- Continued support for maintaining **repeal of Initiative 200**
- **Contracting flexibility** for public owners
- SMWBEs compete for **small works projects**
- Small business **capacity building and SMWBEs** compete in the government marketplace



Quality, Sustainable Jobs – Workplace Equity – SWMBE Support

Priority Issue Areas: Transportation

- Continued funding of **state transportation projects that are critical to Port of Seattle and Northwest Seaport Alliance** operations
- Speed the movement of freight and passengers from **origin to destination through seaport and airport** facilities
- Improve the **trade competitiveness** of Washington state and our gateway.
- Allow for **creative approaches to infrastructure** development including **potential new revenue mechanisms**
- Affirm the authority of the Port Commission to **control access to port facilities** by all transportation modes



Move Passengers and Freight Swiftly and Safely

Priority Issue Areas: Transportation – Continued

- Potential increase in **passenger vessel** routes; other mobility options that **ease access to port facilities**.
- Promote **aviation safety** while maintaining the authority of airport operators.
- Promote **resilience in the transportation network**, including on issues of climate resilience.



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Priority Issue Areas: Energy and Environment

- Support environmental cleanup programs and state-level policies that promote the adoption and implementation of clean energy sources, including:
 - Low-carbon fuels for transportation, low or zero emission transit options, and otherwise support **the continued reduction in the cost of low-carbon energy sources** to consumers in the state
 - **Puget Sound health** overall, including orca recovery work
 - Model Toxics Control Act (**MTCA**) funding and partnerships
 - Funding for the state's **Recreation and Conservation Office**, partnerships and funding on environmental cleanup
 - Disbursement of funds from the national **Volkswagen settlement**
 - Clean energy technology, **building energy efficiency**, statewide goals for clean power



Partner with State on Environmental Cleanup and Clean Energy Promotion

Priority Issue Areas: Energy and Environment – Continued

- State partnership with the Port on **sustainable aviation fuels**
- Climate change **resilience**



- Reduce **carbon and air pollution emissions for passengers and employees** traveling to and from Port facilities
- Policies advanced as part of the **Washington Maritime BLUE: 2050 initiative**

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Priority Issue Areas: Tax, Governance, Technology, and more

- **Tax:** Support tax policies at the state level that support the **economic health of port-related businesses and activities**, including:
 - Supports those communities that house the **warehousing and distribution infrastructure** necessary to support the Port of Seattle, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and its partners
 - Policies that **reduce the cost of manufacturing activities** that support port-related businesses
- **Governance:** Oppose legislation that would create an imbalance of representatives between the two homeports in their governing of the Northwest Seaport Alliance
- **Cybersecurity:** Vulnerability of public governments that manage **critical infrastructure**.
- **Broadband:** Bridge the **digital divide**



Port Facilities Support Thousands of Jobs at Businesses across WA

Priority Issue Areas: Tax, Governance, Technology, and more - continued

- **Technology:** Monitor **biometric technology** proposals.
- **Human trafficking:** Continued partnership with state and local governments to **combat human trafficking**
- **State building code:** Seek changes to state code that support work to promote **all-gender restrooms**



Biometric, Human Trafficking, Restrooms

Next Steps

- Today – Commission proposed adoption public session
- December 2019 – Distribute agenda to key legislators; continue staff and elected level meetings with legislators
- January 14, 2019 – First day of 2020 state legislative session

Questions?