

Federal Legislative Agenda for 2019

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Overview

- Priority Agenda Items – Port-wide, Aviation & Maritime
- Additional Issues
 - Supporting or Engaging
 - Monitoring
- Next steps
 - Seek Commission adoption today
 - Engage Congress, Administration and key stakeholders to support and enact

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:**
 - Increased FAA engagement with local communities,
including dedicated regional staffing for this purpose
 - *Federal study of overflight noise on human health*
 - Increased flexibility to address community needs
- **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 2019*

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 \$50 million for 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 for 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.
- **Terminal 5 Modernization Project:**
 - Secure funding for the Terminal 5 Modernization Project
- **Safe and Efficient Cargo 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



Top Port Priorities

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
- **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

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
 - *Federal engagement on insider threat best practices based on the 8/10 unauthorized flight incident*
 - *In-flight sexual assault prevention efforts*
- **Increased Community Focus:**
 - *FAA funding for replacement noise insulation packages*
 - Federal ultra-fine particulate research
 - *Alternatives to fluorinated fire-fighting foams*
- **Expanded Sustainable Aviation Fuels Deployment:**
 - *Federal participation in the Port's Industry Day*
 - *US Department of Defense partnerships*



Support and Engage – *Italics represent new items for 2019*

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
- **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



Support and Engage

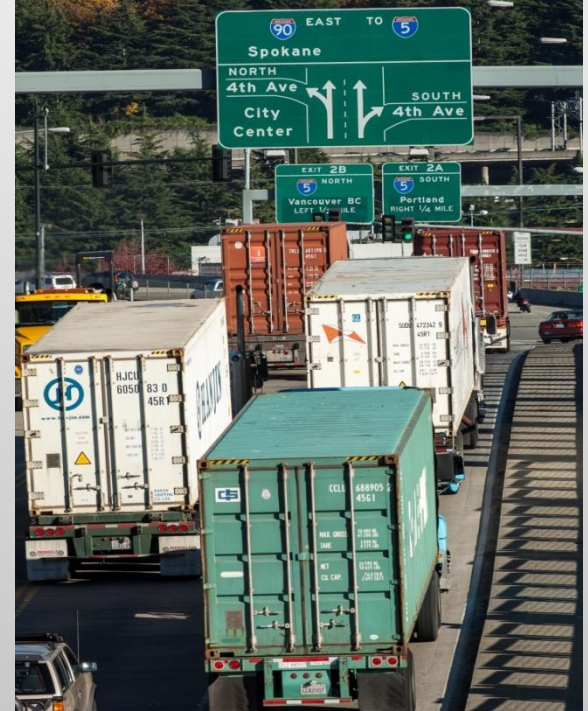
Additional Issues to Monitor

Port-wide

- **Welcoming and Competitive Immigration & Trade Policies:**
 - Real ID implementation
 - Foreign tourism promotion
- **Airport Communities Focus:**
 - Environmental, economic & workforce development funding
 - 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 improvements
 - *Research on the impact of TSO compensation on retention & net costs*
- **Increased Community Focus:**
 - Track evaluations of/alternatives for the 65 DNL noise mitigation standard
 - Increased federal innovation in addressing aircraft impacts



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Next Steps

- **Today**
 - Ask Commission for adoption in public session

- **Q1 2019**
 - Meetings with Congressional offices to distribute agenda and share priorities
 - Build coalitions locally, statewide and nationally to implement
 - Begin drafting key pieces of legislation and identifying legislative strategies & vehicles

Questions?