



PORT OF SEATTLE: NEGOTIATION

April 14, 2026



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

In February 2018, the Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac signed the “2018 Interlocal Agreement”, which will expire in 2028. The purpose of this presentation is to take the necessary steps to initiate negotiation with the Port of Seattle for a new Interlocal Agreement.

On April 14, 2026, staff are seeking City Council adoption of a Resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Council Committee and directing the City to initiate negotiations.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

1. The Port of Seattle operates SEA Airport, which is located within the city limits of the City of SeaTac.
2. The current 2018 Interlocal Agreement (2018 ILA) between the Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac, establishes agreements around the Port and City’s authority.
3. The 2018 ILA also establishes a framework for collaboration and resolving disagreements between the agencies.
4. The City and Port desire and need to start negotiation on a new Interlocal Agreement now.
5. Council action to create an Ad Hoc committee and initiate negotiation is desired.



POTENTIAL COUNCIL ACTION

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a Resolution creating a Council Committee known as the Port Negotiation Committee and authorize the City Manager to initiate negotiations with the Port of Seattle.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopt the proposed Resolution as amended.
 - Clarification appointments for planned absences, prolonged absences
 - Clarification related to compliance with Open Public Meetings Act



RESOLUTION

SUBCOMMITTEE & DIRECTION

- Establish an ad hoc Port Negotiation Committee (PNC)
 - Committee members from Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)
 - All PNC meetings compliant with OPMA for discussion around negotiations
 - Public meetings for public comments, recommendations to City Council
 - Ad Hoc committee shall end in February 2028
 - **Mayor to appoint committee members for planned or prolonged absences**
- Authorization for the City Manager to take actions necessary to initiate negotiations with the Port of Seattle



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