2023 State Government Affairs Agenda





Capital budget funding

- The Port is seeking \$7 million in **remedial action grant** funding to fund three remediation projects under agreed orders initiated by the state.
- The Port is seeking \$2 million in capital budget funding to support the redevelopment of the **Earley Business Center**.
- The Port supports the Tacoma School District's capital budget request to build a new facility for a competency-based Maritime Skills Center in Tacoma.

Transportation funding

The Port encourages the state to "finish what we started" by completing critical freight projects included in the *Connecting Washington* and *Move Ahead WA* transportation packages. Specifically:

- the on-time completion State Route 167; and
- the appropriation in the 2023/25 biennium of the \$35 million in state funding included in *Move Ahead WA* for the City of Fife's Interstate 5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange project.

The Port also supports the City of Tacoma in their efforts to complete the replacement of the **Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge**.

Operating budget funding

- The Port supports continued funding of the Quiet Sound program managed by Maritime Blue to reduce the noise impacts of vessels on Southern Resident Orcas.
- The Port supports Investments to facilitate workforce development and business growth in Pierce County, including K-12 Skills Center funding, technical college workforce funding and the Governor's recommend \$20.5 million for the Economic Security for All program that supports local workforce development boards.

Small works roster

The Port supports aligning the small works roster limit for ports with all other governments In Washington.

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