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**APPROVED MINUTES  
SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION  
PORT OF SEATTLE - PORT OF TACOMA  
OCTOBER 8, 2008**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special work session with the Port of Tacoma at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2008 in the International Conference Center, Airport Office Building, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, WA.

Present were:

Port of Seattle

- Commission President, John Creighton
- Commissioner Bill Bryant
- Commissioner Lloyd Hara
- Commissioner Pat Davis
- Commissioner Gael Tarleton
- Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

Port of Tacoma

- Commission President, Richard Marzano
- Commissioner Connie Bacon
- Commissioner Ted Bottiger
- Commissioner Don Johnson
- Commissioner Clare Petrich
- Tim Farrell, Executive Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special joint work session was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Port of Seattle Commission President Creighton.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**(00:01:32) OPENING REMARKS**

Commissioner Creighton made opening remarks, noting areas of focus that both ports have been working together on, including joint promotion, transportation infrastructure, common security issues, and the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy.

Commissioner Marzano also made opening remarks, including comments that with the two ports working together to face common challenges, obstacles would be more easily overcome and the ports would be able to remain competitive in the marketplace for the entire state, not only the region.

To provide context for the meeting, both Mr. Yoshitani and Mr. Farrell stressed that due to the increased threat of competition from other ports in both the north and the south, it is essential to collaborate in marketing our trade gateway.

**(00:06:23) JOINT REGIONAL PROMOTION TEAM UPDATE**

[Presentation](#) Document: Commission agenda [memorandum](#) dated September 30, 2008 from Phil Lutes, Deputy Managing Director, Seaport, Port of Seattle and Rod Koon, Director, Communications, Port of Tacoma. Presenters: Mr. Lutes and Mr. Koon

Topics reviewed:

- Past Collaboration
- Potential Joint Promotion Activities
- Key Audiences
- Results to Date
- Next Steps

**(00:17:07) UPDATE ON TRADE DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (TDA) MISSION**

Commissioners Petrich, Davis, and Hara reported on their recent attendance at the TDA Mission to North China.

Commissioner Tarleton suggested that the two ports communicate to the Congressional delegation the joint work being done, showing the Pacific Northwest as a center of excellence in engaging in global trade.

**(00:47:04) UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

Presenters: Dan Burke and Kurt Beckett, POS and Brian Mannelly and Julie Collins, POT.

Staff members provided an overview of transportation [infrastructure](#), as well as current related state and federal legislation.

Following the presentation, Commission discussion followed regarding ways to move forward on transportation issues, given today's environment; prioritizing projects and jointly presenting to the state legislature an agenda of the top most important projects needing to be done within the

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next few years. Also discussed was funding for trucking and rail initiatives; and incorporating support from Eastern Washington for legislative priorities.

**(01:57:44) CEO BRIEFINGS**

Security

Mr. Yoshitani provided an update on current security measures, including information regarding Operation Safe Commerce, security grants, emergency operations plans, preparedness for natural disasters, and the Transportation Workers' Identification Credentials (TWIC) program.

Clean Air Strategy and Emissions

Mr. Farrell spoke briefly about the collaboration of the two ports in the development of the [Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy](#). He noted that the two ports have focused on main areas of impact to each port, specifically, the Port of Tacoma focusing on steamship lines and terminal operations and the Port of Seattle focusing on truck emissions. He also commented that the two ports are working cooperatively on establishing priorities to address truck emissions.

Mr. Farrell then provided background on the American Association of Port Authorities' selection of Seattle, Tacoma and Metro Vancouver as winners of the 2008 Comprehensive Environmental Management [Award](#). The award was given in relationship to the development of the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy.

**(02:22:45) NEXT STEPS**

There will be a follow-up joint meeting of the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma Commissions in January, 2009. Items to be addressed could include progress on issues related to transportation, security, legislative priorities and details of the [truck](#) emissions plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the special work session was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Bryant  
Secretary