

## RESOLUTION NO. 3165, AS AMENDED

**A RESOLUTION** of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle for the purpose of expressing support for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor passenger service objectives, provided that the ability to move freight by rail through the corridor is not impeded.

**WHEREAS**, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is committed to re-establishing rail passenger service from Seattle to Vancouver, B.C. on October 1, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle Commission has repeatedly expressed its support for improved rail services in the Vancouver, B.C. to Portland corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flight Plan study sponsored by the Port and the Puget Sound Regional Council noted the possibility that high speed rail services in the corridor could somewhat reduce the growth in airport travel demand; and

**WHEREAS**, Port Commissioner Paige Miller represented the Port as a member of the Washington State High Speed Rail Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature has provided WSDOT funding to upgrade the rail infrastructure to allow passenger rail service to be re-established and safely operated; and

**WHEREAS**, WSDOT has established rail passenger service objectives for the Seattle to Vancouver, B.C. route, initiating one round-trip per day October 1, 1994, increasing to three round-trips per day by the year 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak will only agree to operate rail passenger service between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., under contract with WSDOT which is competitive in terms of run time with other transportation modes; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak and WSDOT have mutually agreed that three hours and fifty-five minutes for a one-way trip between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. is the required competitive trip time; and

**WHEREAS**, WSDOT is working cooperatively with jurisdictions in the corridor to increase rail speed limits where needed; and

**WHEREAS**, WSDOT staff are working with Port of Seattle staff to ensure that passenger service increases do not impede freight rail services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Port of Seattle expresses support for the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor passenger service objectives and program, provided that the ability to move freight by rail through the corridor is not impeded.

**ADOPTED** by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1994, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in far as thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.

*Patricia Davis*  
*John S. Blalock*  
*Paige Miller*

PORT COMMISSION