

Resolution 2017-11-PT



A RESOLUTION of the Port of Tacoma Commission, Tacoma, Washington, amending the current Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements, Resolution 2012-04, as required by Chapter 53 RCW.

WHEREAS, the creation of public ports was authorized by an act of the Washington State legislature in 1911; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Pierce County by majority vote, established the Port of Tacoma on November 5, 1918; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington 53.20.010 specifically requires the adoption of a Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Tacoma Commission, on April 29, 1919, adopted a Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI); and

WHEREAS, the Port of Tacoma Commission has amended its Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements from time to time since then; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the Commission's Public Hearing on the amendment of the Port's Plan was provided at least ten days in advance of today's hearing as required by RCW 53.20.020; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate environmental review was completed with the issuance of a State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance on November 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS the Commission held its Public Hearing on December 21, 2017, on the proposed Amendment and has considered all public comments offered; and

WHEREAS, the Commission embraces its duty to protect Port-owned property located in the City of Tacoma and dedicated for industrial use providing the community, region, and state with jobs, goods, and tax revenue in support of our local, state, and regional economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, while today the transportation industry is highly reliant on fossil fuels, we look forward to a future where renewable energy will take a larger role in supporting the movement of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Port recognizes that renewable forms of energy, while not commercially available for all applications at this time, are becoming more available, and more affordable. Where renewable energy technologies currently do not exist, or are not commercially viable at this time, the Port supports the use of cleaner fossil fuels that produce the lowest emissions; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the Port's Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvement addresses only Port-owned property, approximately 50% of the Tacoma Tideflats, and is not intended to address or preclude the transport, storage, or export of fossil fuel as a secondary component of a non-fossil fuel facility, nor the export of fossil fuel from marine cargo terminals, as required by the Federal Commercial Clause and other requirements imposed upon the Port.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Port of Tacoma Commission, on this date, hereby amends its Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements as follows:

1. To state: the Port of Tacoma chooses not to develop new facilities for the international export of bulk fossil fuels on Port-owned property,
2. To add a reference to the Container Port Element required by GMA and as adopted in collaboration with the City of Tacoma; and
3. Other minor updates and corrections of scrivener errors.

ADOPTED by a majority of the members of the Port of Tacoma Commission at a regular meeting held on the **21st day of December 2017**, a majority of the members being present and voting on this Resolution and signed by its President and attested by its Secretary under the official seal of said Commission in authentication of its passage this **21st day of December 2017**.

Dick Marzano, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

ATTEST:

Clare Petrich, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission

I, **Clare Petrich**, the duly chosen, qualified and Secretary of the Port of Tacoma Commission, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution **No. 2017-11-PT** of said Commission, duly adopted by a public Commission vote at a regular meeting thereof, held on the **21st day of December 2017**, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Commission and the seal of the Commission.

Clare Petrich, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission