



Item No: 4B
Meeting: 12/21/17

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Fossil Fuel Export Facility Development
on Port-Owned Property



Request

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- Request approval of Resolution 2017-11-PT to amend the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI)
 - Includes new language on fossil fuel facility development, and
 - Other minor text amendments and corrections.

Overview

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At a Briefing on November 14, 2017, the Commission directed staff to affirm, through modifications to the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI), that the Commission doesn't support certain development activities for its Port-owned land.

“The Port of Tacoma chooses not to develop new facilities for the international export of bulk fossil fuels on Port-owned property.”

Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements

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- In 1918 the City of Tacoma voted to create a port district.
- In April of 1919 the Commission adopted the first Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI).
- While there have been periodic amendments to the geographic limits and development area, the current CSHI text has not been amended since April 2012.
- Development within the port district is guided by the CSHI, as such, any future land development opportunity would be subject to this proposed new language.

Summary of Findings

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- The change to the CSHI would apply only to Port-owned property.
- 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.
- Renewable forms of energy—while not universally available for all applications at this time—are becoming more available, and more affordable.
- The Port embraces its duty to protect Port-owned property located in the City of Tacoma and dedicated for industrial use providing economic vitality.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review

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- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review is complete.
- A Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued on November 16, 2017.
- The public was notified of the Determination in *The News Tribune* on November 27, 2017.
- Comment and reconsideration periods ended on December 18, 2017. We responded to 3 comments, no reconsiderations were filed.

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