

COMMISSION AGENDA

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TO: Port Commission

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SUBJECT: Canyon Road Regional Connection Project

A. BRIEFING ITEM

The purpose of this briefing is to provide a general overview of the Canyon Road Regional Connection Project, including a description of the project's benefits, schedule, and funding status. No action is requested of the Commission at this time.

B. BACKGROUND

The Canyon Road Regional Connection Project will extend Canyon Road East from Pioneer Way East to 70th Avenue East, creating an improved connection between the Port of Tacoma and Frederickson. For planning and design purposes, the Canyon Road Regional Connection Project is broken up into two segments:

- The railroad crossing includes planned improvements to extend Canyon Road East from Pioneer Way East to 52nd Street East.
- The river crossing includes planned improvements to extend Canyon Road East from 52nd Street East to 70th Avenue East.

The total project cost is currently estimated between \$250 and \$300 million, making it the largest road project for Pierce County. Pierce County has full funding for design and right of way acquisition. We are pursuing funding opportunities, including federal grants, state Legislative appropriations and bonding, to fill the remaining gap for construction.

C. NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

- Stakeholder and community outreach, such as continuing community briefings, elected official outreach, and an open house (late winter/early spring 2020)
- Continue design and NEPA process
- Seek funding opportunities

