

ACTION ITEM MEMO

Port of Tacoma Commission



Item No: 6C
Meeting Date: 5/7/26

DATE: April 27, 2026
TO: Port of Tacoma Commission
FROM: Eric Johnson, Executive Director
Project Manager, Alisa Praskovich, Chief External Strategy Officer
SUBJECT: Commission International Travel Approval – November 2026

A. ACTION REQUESTED

Request approval for Commission international travel in November 2026 for the IAPH Conference in London, England and the Association of WA Business (AWB) 2026 Trade Mission to South Korea and Japan.

Strategic Plan Initiative: CC-1: Strengthen, build, and maintain relationships with a wide variety of public, community, and business stakeholders through direct engagement.

B. TRAVEL DATES - COST IS PER COMMISSIONER.

Event	Venue	Date(s)
<p>1. International Association of Ports & Harbors (IAPH) Conference: Mission: Brings together global port authorities, regulators, innovators, maritime industry professionals to showcase best practices, foster collaboration, and provide actionable insights for ports and maritime businesses. The Port of Tacoma became an IAPH member in 2025.</p> <p>Estimated Total Cost: \$9,000.00</p>	London, England	Nov. 2-7
<p>2. Association of Washington Business (AWB) 2026 Trade Mission: Mission: Expand Port's relationship with two important trade partners in Northeast Asia (South Korea and Japan) through meetings with key dignitaries and tours of businesses that positively impact Washington's economy, with a strong focus on trade, agriculture, aerospace, manufacturing and energy.</p> <p>Estimated Cost Without Airfare Discount: \$11,600.00 Estimated Cost W/ Airfare Discount: \$9,600.00</p>	South Korea & Japan	Nov. 7-15