

# COMMISSION AGENDA

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**TO:** Port Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Issue Briefing: Freight Mobility Study

**A. BRIEFING**

Port staff will provide an update on Freight Mobility Study. No action is requested.

**B. SYNOPSIS**

Consistent with the Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan Transportation Advocacy foundational goal, and more specifically, strategy TA-2, “Advocate for the transportation infrastructure and system management needs of Port-related businesses in the Tideflats and Pierce County” staff is preparing a Freight Mobility Study for the Tideflats to guide the development of a prioritized list of projects.

Over the last few months, staff has worked with technical staff from the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, and the Puget Sound Regional Council to coordinate the scope of analysis for the study. This includes the use the data of data contained in Tacoma’s existing truck model. The joint effort, which will continue through the life of the study, is designed to ensure that the study will provide information that can be used by the Port and its partner agencies to prioritize existing projects and/or develop projects that will address previously unidentified bottlenecks. The study, which will also include the development of truck trip forecasts for Port and NWSA operations, will provide a prioritized list of projects for truck routes serving the Tideflats.

Current efforts include developing a data sharing agreement between the Port and the City of Tacoma and finalizing the consultant scope of work. It is expected that, once these tasks are completed, the study itself will take about 5 months to finalize.

**C. FUNDING**

Funding for this \$125,000 study is included in the approved 2022 planning budget.

**D. NEXT STEPS**

Staff will provide the Commission with updates and solicit input as the study progresses.