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# Homelessness Response Efforts in the Tideflats

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- Port of Tacoma operates a non-commissioned proprietary armed security force
- Rely on services from local municipalities i.e. Fife Police, Tacoma Police, Tacoma Fire
- Highly industrial with multiple sites easily hidden for encampments to take hold
- Some sites can be difficult to harden based off train and truck access/flow

- Assigned one Port Patrol Officer to act as liaison for homeless outreach and partnerships
- Officers are being very proactive about contact when they see abandoned cars, RVs, and activity related to homeless
- Created internal working group at the Port with members representing Security, Real Estate, Engineering, Maintenance, and Environmental
- Signed contract with Commonstreet Consulting to help with outreach services and placement resources

# Recent Clean-up Parcel 12 (Shire)



- Prior to work beginning on the site there was more than 30 people living on the site.
- 16 active campsites
- Site work came into a total of approximately 425k
- The project team removed 124 tons of debris
- Site was fenced with one access





# Thank You

## Questions & Discussion



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