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Resolution 2023-04-PT

Commercial Airport Siting

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Port of Tacoma Commission Meeting

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Request approval of Resolution 2023-04-PT expressing opinions on the siting of a new commercial airport in Western Washington.

- The Port of Tacoma supports the CACC recommendation of adding capacity to Paine Field according to its Airport Master Plan (with potential for additional capacity), and assuming the Port of Seattle executes its Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) for SeaTac Airport;
- The Port of Tacoma is not interested in sponsoring, owning nor operating an airport in the Port District and is also not interested in purchasing property using eminent domain or other means to do so;

- The Port of Tacoma believes the proximity of the Pierce County sites to JBLM and its strategic operations, the lack of infrastructure to support transport to and from I-5, and the potential devastating impact on rural farm and residential lands make the identified Pierce County sites poor choices for an airport the size that is needed to alleviate the overcrowding at SeaTac Airport; and
- The Port of Tacoma believes the Washington State Legislature should revisit the enabling statute creating the CACC and establish a more integrated public transportation system criteria for potential locations. Revisiting the enabling statute should also include criteria that considers both governance and financing options.

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