

Item: 6C

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Tru-Grit Remedial Action (Parcel 115) Construction Project Authorization and Ecology Agreed Order Acceptance

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Action Requested

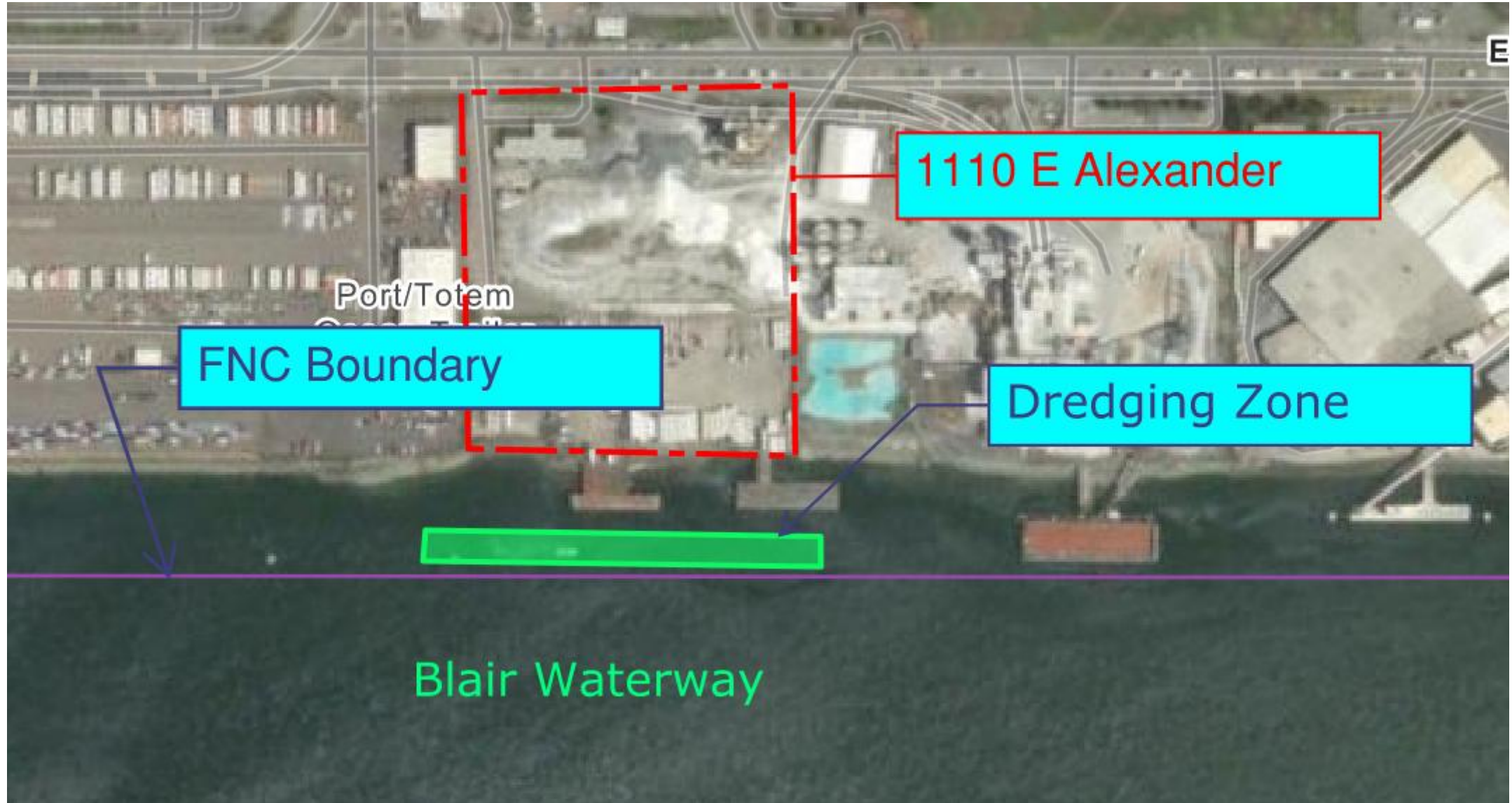
1. Request authorization to enter first amendment to Agreed Order No. DE 8978 with the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) at the Tru-Grit Abrasives Site (Port Parcel 115).
2. Request project authorization in the amount of \$9,000,000 for a total authorized amount of \$11,685,000, for work associated with the Tru-Grit Remedial Action, Project ID #101652.01.

- This project will remove contaminated sediment from a portion of the Blair Channel side slopes adjacent to 1110 E Alexander Ave.
- This work will enable the Blair Waterway Federal Navigation Channel (FNC) Deepening program to be performed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Background



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- Port of Tacoma Acquired the property in 2007
- Tenant operations from the early 1990's through to 2020 spilled hazardous material into the waterway during barge transload operations
- Washington Department of Ecology issued an Agreed Order naming Tru-Grit, and not the Port of Tacoma, as a Potentially Liable Party in 2012

Project Scope

- Design, permitting and dredging contaminated sediments from the slough area coinciding with the Blair FNC Deepening
- Ecology coordination, interim action work plan development and approval
- Interim action implementation reporting
- Investigate potential cost recovery actions

Scope for This Request:

- Design, permitting and dredging contaminated sediments from the slough area coinciding with the Blair FNC Deepening
- Construct a shore-based dewatering transload facility to dewater dredged sediments prior to transport
- Transport and disposal of contaminated sediment at a Subtitle D sanitary landfill

Project Details

Activity	Timeframe
Complete Design	July 2026
Advertise for Bid	August 2026
Substantial Completion	March 2027
Final Completion	April 2027

- **Estimated Cost of Project**

The total project cost estimate: \$11,685,000

- **Estimated Cost for This Request**

The total estimated cost of Construction: \$9,000,000

- **Estimated Sales Tax**

The total estimated sales tax: \$705,000

Financial Summary

Item	This Request	Total Previous Requests	Total Request	Total Project Cost	Cost to Date	Remaining Cost
Investigation	\$0	\$1,835,000	\$1,835,000	\$1,835,000	\$625,000	\$1,210,000
Design	\$0	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$510,000	\$340,000
Construction	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000
Project Total	\$9,000,000	\$2,685,000	\$11,685,000	\$11,685,000	\$1,135,000	\$10,550,000

- This project is a necessary component of the Blair Waterway FNC Deepening program to allow larger vessels to call at the gateway

- **Permitting**

The work is covered by the Port's existing state and federal Comprehensive Mitigated Maintenance Programmatic (CMMP) permits. Other permits will be obtained prior to construction

- **Remediation**

This is an MTCA cleanup action governed by WAC Chapters 173-204 and 173-340

- **Stormwater**

Dewatering activities will be closely coordinated so as not to discharge impacted water into surface water without proper treatment

- **Air Quality**

No new emissions will be generated by this action

- Obtain final agency approvals of the interim and cleanup action plans, August 2026
- Advertise the public works contract and solicit contractor bids, August 2026
- Begin dredging, Q3-Q4 2026
- Complete dredging, Q1 2027

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Thank You

Questions & Discussion

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