

Item: 6B

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Resolution 2024-07-PT: Updates to the Port of Tacoma Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements

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Request Port of Tacoma Commission approval of Resolution 2024-07-PT amending the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI) as required by Revised Code of Washington Chapter 53.20.

- RCW 53.20.010: No expenditures, other than administrative, authorized until the CSHI is adopted.
- RCW 53.20.020: "...every improvement to be made by said commission shall be made substantially in accordance therewith..." unless the CSHI is amended.
- Specific notice requirements are included in the RCW.
- The CSHI update is not exempt from SEPA.

- 1911: A requirement for port districts to maintain a Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements was included in the original authorizing legislation.
- 1918: Voters in Pierce County created a Port District.
- 1919: The Port of Tacoma adopts its first Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI).
- 2012: The CSHI was updated to align with the strategic planning process.
- 2017: The CSHI was updated to not allow new wholesale facilities for fossil fuels on port property.

2024 Update to the CSHI

- Removed some superfluous language.
- Revised to reflect the current strategic plan including the mission, goals, and core values.
- Added language to clarify the scope of authorization in the CSHI and the connection to SEPA.
- No changes to the Port of Tacoma's planning area, planned uses, or property ownership are considered in the update.
- A new "Exhibit A" is incorporated to more transparently identify properties owned by the Port of Tacoma and their intended use.

- Updates that were considered but were not incorporated include:
 - A property map.
 - A more consolidated list of terms to describe uses of Port of Tacoma property.
- These omitted updates were not necessary for statutory compliance and more staff analysis is needed to determine their potential effect, effort required, and benefit.
- Nothing in the 2024 update precludes these from being adopted later.

- Approval of the amended Port of Tacoma Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements will update this document to reflect the 2021-2026 strategic plan, project, and property acquisitions previously authorized by the Commission.
- Compliance with state law.

- Public notice was provided:
 - A Determination of Non-significance was noticed pursuant to SEPA requirements on October 28, 2024.
 - The first notice of public hearing was published on November 3, 2024, in the Tacoma News Tribune.
 - The second notice of public hearing was published on November 10, 2024, in the Tacoma News Tribune.

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Thank You

Questions & Discussion



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