Motion 2019-14: A Motion of the Port of Seattle Commission

advancing the Miller Creek Culvert Replacement Project and providing for installation of portable noise monitors.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19, 2019

TEXT OF THE MOTION

The Executive Director, or a delegate, shall negotiate an interlocal agreement with the relevant parties to secure the Miller Creek Culvert Replacement, Fish Passage and Stream Restoration Project, which includes creek restoration and fish passage enhancement beneath and near Des Moines Memorial Drive to protect and enhance the Port mitigation area at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The Port of Seattle shall purchase up to five portable noise monitors and provide for ongoing maintenance. The data collected from the noise monitors shall be readily accessible to the public. The determination of the location of the monitors shall be based on community outreach and analysis of coverage of the port's current noise monitoring system and technical factors and shall include Vashon Island. The Executive Director shall report to the commission on the determination of the location of the noise monitors.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION

The Port of Seattle is currently working with communities, stakeholders, and commissioners to establish a clear and transparent structure, guidelines, and process for the South King County Fund. That effort will define community engagement, create organizational infrastructure including committee(s), and build alignment among port leadership and relevant stakeholders and will be based on the South King County Fund principles adopted by the commission on June 25, 2019 (Motion 2019-10).

Port staff has identified two priority projects that are ready to proceed and for which there is extensive community support. The portable noise monitors will help measure airplane noise in locations where airplane noise is not currently monitored, and the Miller Creek Culvert Replacement, Fish Passage and Stream Restoration Project will improve water quality and fish habitat. The commission directs that the Executive Director advance these projects immediately.