

Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 1, 2025; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- Brief federal policy update; finalize Fly-In date
- Review proposed state policy priorities; finalize state agenda

Meeting Summary:

- I. Welcome: Facilitator Andrés Mantilla, Uncommon Grounds, opened the meeting and covered meeting ground rules.
- II. Review Proposed State Policy Priorities: John Flanagan, Senior State Government Relations Manager, POS
 - Discussion of HB 5652
 - Underlying question of the 100% consensus rule of StART (per the operating agreement). What does that mean for the agenda? Should we only include items with unanimous support? Does the agenda not go forward or do we indicate on the agenda items that do not have consensus?
 - Issue of letter of support for China Air being drafted by StART. Burien was concerned that they did not agree to letter that represents StART cities. Port indicated that Burien's edits are being incorporated and the letter has not yet been sent and will be reviewed by members before it is sent.
 - *Comment: we did not discuss the pros and cons of 5652? Members were surprised and disappointed that these differences were not discuss at the Policy Working Group. Port did not have advanced warning of the bill; it was introduced during the first week of session.*
 - Bringing it forward now to clarify the committee's position.
 - *Comment: 5652 is the most important Port-related bill for these cities coming up this session. Most of the cities and the Port are likely to remain far apart on this bill. We might mention it because it is important but we need to acknowledge that we don't agree.*
 - Bill recap from Port: parts of the bill are unworkable for the Port. Creates new definition for 'significant port actions' and requires various new processes related to those actions. Creates a new EJ implementation plan that would that accompany SAMP as well as

every other project that the Port is currently or will pursue. Also requires the Port to create anew community engagement plan and regularly review and update that plan with coordination and guidance from the State's EJ council. Any time the Port spends \$8M, this would be triggered. Prior to taking any 'significant action' as defined in the bill, the Port would need to obtain an assessment from the UW dept of envrionemtal and occupational health along with the county's dept of health to review mitigation strategies and potentially disqualify the project.

- *Comment: we need to review the procedures; this request was made before.* Structural issue was raised with the Steering Committee. But there was no agreement to take action but conservations did take place.
- Proposal to move forward on state legislative agenda
 - **Proposal: having a new section that indicates that we don't have consensus on 5652. Develop criteria for when this strategy is employed**
 - *Comment: cities are interested in a study about overall impacts and potential mitigation.* Port: have not heard specifics on 'what needs to be put in the study' and interested to know what the cities want included that is not already part of the SAMP EIS. In an earlier meeting of the full StART committee, community members mentioned 'Economic development' and impacts to property values as two areas that were not included.
 - We will work offline to make these changes and get them approved by the group via email. Need to change the February 2 meeting anyway so that we have time to discuss logistics for Olympia Lobby Day (February 3).

III. Federal Update, Eric Schinfeld, POS

- Current Status:
 - Shut down has ended. Federal workers have been paid and received back pay.
 - The majority of FY26 appropriations bills have not been done, and the current deadline for Congressional action is January 30. To avoid another government shutdown, Congress will need to approve full year bills for these agencies – including FAA & TSA – or else extend current funding levels until September 30.
 - National Defense Authorization Act: annual policy bill that sets policy for Department of Defense currently includes sound insulation language that would allow federal funding for failed insulation packages. Still only applies to the packages within the 65 DNL. How the Port would use these federal dollars is related to the Port's repair and replacement program, which is a continuing topic of discussion. Bill language is attached.
- Finalize date for 2026 Fly-In: agreed on April 21-23. We will send save the date calendar appointments.

IV. Wrap Up/Next Steps

- We will follow up with new language for the state legislative agenda
- We will send a save the date appointment for the DC Fly-in April 21-23
- State lobby day is February 3 and we will move the February meeting to January 5 or 6th.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	✓
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
ARIF GHOUSE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
BARTON DELACY	DES MOINES	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
JOE DUSENBURY	DES MOINES	-
KATHLEEN WILSON	TUKWILA	-
MIKE BRUGATO	FEDERAL WAY	
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PART	✓
REBECCA DEMING	DES MOINES	-
SKY LARON	FAA	✓
ROGER KADEG	SEATAC	✓
NON-MEMBER		
LAURA SCHLADETSKY	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	-
JOSIE MCKINLEY	OFFICE OF SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
MEGAN UTEMEI	OFFICE OF SEN. PATTY MURRAY	-
RESOURCES	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JOHN FLANNAGAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
NATE CAMINOS	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
RYAN MCMULLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
CONSULTANT		
ANDRES MANTILLA	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓
CHERYL SWAB	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 5, 2026, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE