



2020 State Government Affairs Agenda

Priority issues

Puget Sound Gateway

The alliance supports the on-time implementation of the Puget Sound Gateway project (SR 167/SR 509), including efforts to address the existing \$110 million program shortfall.

Port grant program

The alliance supports the adoption of a competitive grant program in the next statewide transportation package for infrastructure improvement projects for ports handling marine cargo. Eligible projects could include, but are not limited to, highway or rail infrastructure that develops or extends intermodal connectivity, intermodal facilities, marine terminal equipment, wharf construction or redevelopment, vessel alternative fueling access and distribution, fuel efficient cargo handling equipment, freight intelligent transportation systems, and digital infrastructure systems.

Shore power infrastructure

The alliance supports redirecting a capital budget appropriation of \$1.1 million from the alliance's clean truck program to a shore power infrastructure investment at Husky Container Terminal.

The alliance also supports the use of Volkswagen settlement funds—and other grant programs—for additional shore power investments at alliance facilities, thereby improving the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of alliance facilities.

Other state issues

Port of Tacoma Road Interchange

The alliance supports the City of Fife as it seeks additional funding to complete the second phase of the Interstate 5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange.

Stormwater

NWSA takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and recognizes stormwater management is key to the health of the Salish Sea. To better manage the public funds that ports provide for environmental initiatives, including enhanced stormwater treatment, we support regulatory updates clarifying that marine cargo wharves without industrial activities as defined by, and consistent with, EPA's multisector

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general permit are not subject the NPDES permit program driven by the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). Industrial activities are defined by CWA as vehicle

Preserving maritime and manufacturing lands

Support land use and transportation policies, including long range plans, that maintain or enhance maritime and manufacturing lands, and the critical road and rail infrastructure required for freight mobility. The goals being to preserve industrial lands, freight mobility, allow for the anticipated development of marine cargo facilities and support the growth of related family-wage jobs.

Clean fuels standard

Support enactment of legislation that will incent the implementation of transportation fuels that reduce emissions related to port operations. Specifically, support adoption of a state clean fuels standard that supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies and reduces the carbon intensity of fuels sold in Washington, and that can promote price competitiveness between the market for sustainable transportation fuels in Oregon, California, and Washington states.