



## 2012 COMMISSION FORUM OUTREACH REPORT

### Overview:

The following summary includes impressions from nine separate events at coffee houses and community centers –three in each commissioner’s districts. The summary includes first-hand observations and information from surveys handed out during the events.

Secondly, information below was garnered from surveys handed out at the events, and collected on Survey Monkey –an electronic survey of which a summary is included in this report.

### Themes:

#### ***Regional Cargo Transport***

Attendees seemed interested in regional transportation issues and the port’s perspective on these issues. A great deal of discussion centered on coal trains and the port’s interests in the Columbia River Crossing project. Others were interested in the port’s wind energy imports and the Production Tax Credits.

#### ***Port Rail Construction***

The West Vancouver Freight Access rail project came up in virtually every meeting. In many cases the public seemed most interested in port development and the associated community benefits.

#### ***Taxes***

A few attendees were interested in port financing and long term intentions for taxes in the district.

#### ***Job Generation***

The issue of the port’s ability to create jobs was in the background of many discussions regarding the West Vancouver Freight Access rail project and general industrial development at the port. This issue resonates with a great deal of area residents.

#### ***Port Centennial***

Our centennial was welcomed by many attendees. It served as a platform to share what the port is, since many whom we interacted with do not have significant knowledge of what the port does. During several events, attendees shared their stories about the port history to include in the port’s centennial celebration.

#### ***Survey Question Regarding SR 501 Use***

The survey queried residents on the frequency and mode of transport on SR 501, accessing Vancouver Lake and other recreational areas. This question was asked to ascertain how often people travel down SR 501 to recreational areas in order to help inform outreach efforts to cyclists, pedestrians and others who may be affected by heightened construction activity at the port. Most respondents showed some frequency of travel, with the majority traveling by car.