Port of Vancouver

Status of Strategic Plan Initiatives

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Strategic Goal	Strategies	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Community											
STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION	Increase opportunities to engage the community in mutual discussions and provide education about port activities, including port tours and the lecture series.	√									
	Use a variety of mediums, including social media, to reach a wide and diverse audience about port programs and activities.	√									
	More clearly communicate the review process for new commodities and tenants to evaluate economic, financial, environmental, community, and other impacts.	√									
BUILD PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE AND COMMUNICATE SHARED GOALS	Create a program by which port commissioners, leaders and staff discuss opportunities, port goals, and progress with partners, including port tenants, labor organizations, municipalities, tribes, non-profit organizations, neighboring ports, educators, and the business community.				√						
	Develop a program in which port employees proactively participate in environmental stewardship programs, business development activities, education and workforce development, and other volunteer activities.										
	Pursue opportunities to share port knowledge and resources with community partners to advance shared goals.	\checkmark									
	Build a public marketplace on the Columbia River.										
IMPLEMENT THE VISION OF A DESTINATION WATERFRONT AT	Create a financially independent business model at Terminal 1 by securing long-term partnerships to support the operating and capital costs.		✓								
TERMINAL 1	3. Support public enjoyment and tourism through activities such as river cruises and events at Terminal 1.										
	4. Explore partnerships in arts, culture, and history interpretation.										
	Create a Trails and Access Plan.										
PROVIDE TRAILS AND PUBLIC ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES ON PORT PROPERTIES	Identify opportunities and events to increase public access on port property.		✓								
	3. Seek funding opportunities to expand the Renaissance Trail as well as the portside trail system.		✓								

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Economic Development												
SUPPORT LOCAL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE	Work with the Columbia River Economic Development Council and other partners to identify and seek consensus on a minimum available land supply to support a reasonable expansion of the job sector, and further define the port's longer-term role in maintaining that inventory.	√										
	Develop an actionable plan for the development and expansion of existing industrial and commercial port property, including the permitting process for undeveloped properties.											
	F 3. Recommend a 20-year land use strategy that includes key properties that would help to achieve long- term port and community economic goals.		✓									
	 Support development of shovel-ready sites within the port district with the necessary and appropriate infrastructure, including broadband and utilities. 											
	 Take an active role in participating in regional economic development efforts and be a vested stake holder with partner organizations. 	\checkmark										
	Convene key stakeholders to address specific issues of concern regarding freight mobility that directly impact the port and its tenants, including river, road, and rail.	\checkmark										
TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN SUPPORTING REGIONAL, MULTI-	Support and track regional discussions on issues such as the I-5 Bridge, commercial surface transportation and impacts on local roads, and regional access.		\checkmark									
MODAL TRANSPORTATION AND IMPROVING FREIGHT MOBILITY	Work with sister ports, advocacy groups, and associations to ensure continued operations and maintenance of the Columbia River channel.	\checkmark										
	Work with local, state, and federal elected officials and agencies to support and promote the importance of freight mobility.	\checkmark										
	Partner with local businesses, associations, and the legislature to support workforce development programs.											
	Meet with port tenants to discuss workforce challenges, apprenticeship, and training opportunities.		\checkmark									
SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SKILLED WORKFORCE TO ALIGN WITH REGIONAL NEEDS AND INCREASE JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE PORT DISTRICT	3. Partner with local colleges, high schools, skill centers, and vocational training programs to support education and workforce development, particularly for manufacturing and trade-related jobs.			✓								
	Support apprenticeship and vocational training opportunities for port public works projects.			√								
	5. Establish an apprenticeship program for port trade employees.	\checkmark										

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Environmental											
PROTECT AIR QUALITY, WATER RESOURCES, AND LAND MANAGED BY THE PORT TROUGH DELIBERATE AND PROACTIVE EFFORTS IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PORT'S OPERATIONS	Develop a Climate Action Plan through analysis of internal programs and policies, regulatory and voluntary emission programs, and best practices, consistent with the port's commitment to sustainability.		√								
	Implement storm water management practices that include innovative strategies to protect water quality, such as targeted treatment media, enhanced Grattix boxes, and floating treatment wetlands.	√									
MAINTAIN THE PORT'S SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM TO ENSURE	Maintain Sustainability Program and ensure all departments are represented on Sustainability Committee.	√									
THAT PORT OPERATIONS ARE BASED ON ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SOCIAL VALUES	Integrate the goals of the port's Sustainability Program into other planning documents, such as the Annual Budget and Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements.	\checkmark									
	Develop an outreach program to discuss environmental stewardship at the port.	√									
STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS BY ACTIVELY	Work with partners to create ecological benefit and improved operating and permitting efficiencies.	✓									
ENGAGING WITH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS	Establish regular communications with tribal entities.	✓									
	4. Seek ways to improve the stewardship of our industry and region by sharing knowledge and technology.	\checkmark									

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Financial											
STRENGTHEN THE PORT'S FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY	Pursue business opportunities that increase cargo volumes, maximize utilization of port assets, and achieve revenue goals.	\checkmark									
	Develop tools to analyze and report the financial viability of the movement of individual commodities.	\checkmark									
	 Support a diverse revenue base through tax, industrial, marine, commercial, and grants, when strategically appropriate. 		√								
	 Continually improve the precision of the port's ten-year operating and capital forecast with key informative metrics. 		\checkmark								
DEVELOP AND COMMUNICATE A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY TAXES AND DEBT FINANCING POLICIES AND	1. Identify a tax strategy that addresses long term use of taxes.	\checkmark									
TOOLS	Develop a strategy to address debt financing options, including general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and other financing tools.		\checkmark								
	Continue to expand uses of technology to develop tools to support maintenance and management of port assets.		\checkmark								
DEVELOP A ROLLING 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE, SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE PLAN TO MAXIMIZE OPERATIONAL CAPACITY, EFFICIENCY AND LIFE EXPECTANCY OF PORT ASSETS	Develop and implement a proactive ten- to twenty-year repair and replacement plan for building, fleet, rail, and infrastructure assets.		\checkmark								
	3. Assess future space planning needs and develop long-term plan.			✓							

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Marine & Industrial Business											
PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES THAT UTILIZE THE PORT'S PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS TO CREATE JOBS AND SUPPORT THE ECONOMY	Emphasize and increase marketing efforts to pursue innovative business opportunities and renewable, clean energy projects.	\checkmark									
	Increase marketing efforts to pursue business opportunities that increase cargo volumes, maximize utilization of port assets, and achieve revenue goals.	√									
	3. Maximize utilization of rail infrastructure to support the efficient movement of commodities.		√								
	Extend contracts with existing customers and tenants.	✓									
	Develop an understanding of global markets and reinforce strong relationships with customers to ensure the port can adapt to market conditions and competitively attract new cargo opportunities.	✓									
ENSURE THE PORT'S CARGO PORTFOLIO IS DIVERSIFIED BY LEVERAGING RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER NEEDS AND MARKET DEMANDS	3. Market business resources and incentive programs, including Foreign Trade Zone, to existing and potential businesses.				✓						
	4. Conduct study of port operational capacity to handle high and heavy cargo and roll- on/roll-off cargo.		✓								
	5. Evaluate future investment in marine and industrial development at Columbia Gateway.										
CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN MAINTAINING NAVIGABILITY OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM, INCLUDING BERTHING SYSTEMS, ANCHORAGE, TURNING BASINS, AND THE SHIPPING CHANNEL	Work with industry associations, policy makers, and elected officials at the local, state and federal levels to continue supporting the critical role of navigation for international trade and the regional economy.	✓									
	Act as a resource and regularly reach out to existing tenants to assess business, workforce, and facility needs, and to provide support for opportunities.	✓									
SUPPORT GROWTH AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING TENANTS AND STRENGTHEN OUTREACH	Establish quarterly tenant events with information, speakers and a platform for networking.		✓								
	3. Provide regular communications with current tenants and points of contact with port staff.	✓									

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Organizational											
	Incorporate goals of the strategic plan into the port's operations and develop ongoing communications about staff's role in measuring progress.	\checkmark									
	Analyze staffing levels and develop staff resource and succession plan.			\checkmark							
RECRUIT AND RETAIN TALENTED AND DIVERSE STAFF WHO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION OF PORT BUSINESS AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY	3. Develop staff recognition program.			\checkmark							
	4. Develop a training and leadership program that aligns port goals and employee growth.		\checkmark								
	5. Actively promote employee diversity.	✓									
ENSURE ALIGNMENT OF KEY PORT PLANNING DOCUMENTS	Align key documents to reflect new Strategic Plan.	\checkmark									
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	Create risk assessment documents that include buildings, fleet, rail and infrastructure; staffing; information technology; financial; commodities; and operational components.	✓									
ANALYZE RISKS AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY, RESILIENCY, AND DISASTER RECOVERY	Develop a plan to address risk and ensure community safety and business continuity.	✓									
	3. Finalize emergency preparedness plan and develop comprehensive training program for staff.	✓									

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