

# Strategic Plan 2019 Progress Report

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### Overview

### **Building the plan:**

- 10-year plan
- Set priority goals and strategies in each annual budget
- Process began in August 2017 and approved in September 2018
- Developed in conjunction with commissioners, community members, stakeholders and staff
- Open houses, market research, interviews







ALEX STROGEN,
CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER

MIKE SCHILLER,
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



#### **Goal:**

 Pursue opportunities that utilize the port's property and infrastructure investments to create jobs and support the economy.



#### 2019 Milestones:

- 384 wind blades were offloaded in support of regional renewable wind energy projects
- Single largest shipment of wind blades in Vestas history





#### 2019 Milestones cont.

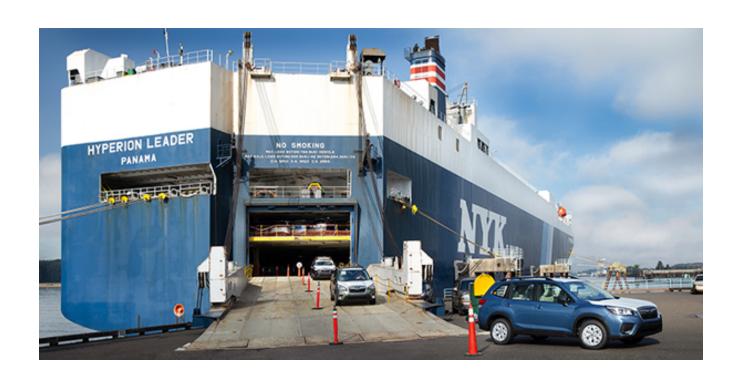
 Utilized Terminal 5 laydown space, bonded storage ability and rail-loading capabilities





#### **What's Next:**

Prepare to grow with Subaru





# **Trade Policy & Projected Market Trends for 2020**

- Phase 1 trade agreement between the US and China
  - Will be signed January 15th
  - Agreement is limited in scope
  - Many of the most difficult negotiations between the countries left unaddressed
- World Steel Association 2020 outlook
  - Expect stagnant steel demand in the US
  - Weak construction activity outlook



#### Goal:

 Support growth and economic opportunities for existing tenants and strengthen outreach.

#### **2019 Milestones:**

- Maintained occupancy rate by extending current customer contracts:
  - Trobella Cabinetry
  - Vanport Trucking
  - Wickum Weld
  - Fabricated Products
  - Warehouse '23





- Attracted new tenants
- Held quarterly tenant events
  - Transportation topics and workforce development opportunities





#### **What's Next:**

- Identify additional ways to engage and bring value to existing customers
- Strategize on developing vacant industrial lots
- Further engagement with area partners in business development and site selection





### **Challenges:**

- Aging infrastructure
- Lack of existing port industrial warehouse space
- Access to workforce
- Competing industrial properties
- Increasing development costs and lengthened schedules
- Permitting timelines



HEATHER STEBBINGS,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



#### Goal:

 Strengthen community outreach and communication.

#### **2019 Milestones:**

- Lecture Series
- Commission Coffee events
- Annual community survey
- Successful public tour season – over 400 attendees







- "The Innovators" and "Let's Have a Beer" videos running on Comcast, website and YouTube
- Port commercial running on TVW
- Port/C-Tran public service announcements
- AAPA awards







- Participated in and/or sponsored several community events, including those with VDA, CREDC and GVCC
- Hosted iTech Connect student trip to Olympia
- Clark County Historical Museum Ports Exhibit
- Booville
- Christmas Ships Viewing





- Community Newsletters
- Electronic newsletters distributed including Point of View, Solstice, Waterfront Views
- Continued growth and strong presence on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube
- Hired new marketing agency: CMD





#### **What's Next:**

- Sponsoring the Vancouver Downtown Association
   Van-Tastic Awards in Feb.
- Port lecture series dates to be announced
- Commission Coffee events to be announced
- Launch Community Fund







#### What's Next cont.

- Spring/Summer Community Report newsletter
- Electronic newsletters POV, Waterfront Views, Solstice
- Blog stories continue





#### Goal:

 Provide opportunities and events to increase public access on port property.

#### 2019 Milestones:

- Trail Segment 2 completed
- Port tours

#### What's Next:

- Announce port tour schedule
- Activity at Terminal 1





#### **Goal:**

 Implement the vision of a destination waterfront at Terminal 1.

#### 2019 Milestones:

- Terminal 1 branding, logo, tagline and website
- New Terminal 1 sign installed on Columbia Street
- Night Market a regular presence at Terminal 1





#### 2019 Milestones cont.

 Appropriation of \$4.7M from legislature for Vancouver Landing and East Portal



- Donation of \$500,000 from Vancouver Rotary Foundation for Vancouver Landing
- Partnered with City of Vancouver to update Shoreline Master Program to allow T1 Marketplace on pier
- LEED: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
  - LEED-ND (Neighborhood Development) Plan Gold Certification



- Vesta hotel ground breaking, construction began
- 30% design completed for Daniels Way, Renaissance Trail, Access Road 5, the Vancouver Landing, and East Portal



- Ground stabilization construction in progress for the hotel, Vancouver Landing, and Renaissance Trail
- Landscape architect selected for waterfront development: Greenworks, P.C.



- Warehouse '23 lease extended
- Renewed contract with American Empress
- Developer selected for Blocks A and C: LPC West







#### **What's Next:**

- Construction starts on the Renaissance Trail, Vancouver Landing, and AC Marriott hotel
- Continue partnership with Warehouse '23
- Night Market 2020 dates, looking ahead at growth and transition
- Continued advocacy of the project







### **Challenges:**

- Funding will be key in determining next steps
- Timing design, permits, construction to meet deadlines







MIKE BOMAR,
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



#### Goal:

 Support local efforts to maintain an adequate supply of commercial and industrial real estate.

#### 2019 Milestones:

- 2018 Economic Impact Analysis
- CREDC Employment Land Analysis





#### **What's Next:**

- Public Market Analysis to be complete in late January
- Lands for Jobs presentation to the commission
- Scoping on track for 2020 completion of the POV Land Use Strategy Plan
- Continue discussions with port and utility partners on dark fiber initiative





### **Challenges:**

- Staff changes with partner organizations and onboarding efforts
- Limited funding for acquisitions
- State-wide broadband funding support



#### Goal:

 Take a leadership role in supporting regional, multimodal transportation and improving freight mobility.

#### **2019 Milestones:**

- Mill Plain freight corridor project alignment
- I-5 Bridge involvement and input
- Federal and State infrastructure advocacy



#### 2019 milestones cont.

 Designated routes for large project cargo – working with the City, WSDOT, and NW logistics partners for the Columbia River High, Wide and Heavy Corridor





#### **What's Next:**

- I-5 Bridge replacement effort port leadership
- Efforts for C-Tran route to the port
- Coordination with the port's 2020 wind projects





### **Challenges:**

- Urban freight mobility environment
- Competing interests
- Funding
- I-976 implementation
- Aging infrastructure





#### **Goal:**

 Support the development of a skilled workforce to align with regional needs and increase job opportunities across the port district.

#### **2019 Milestones:**

- 3 Internships Project
   Management (1), EcDev (2)
- Port Apprenticeship Program –
   Maintenance (2)
- WSUV Partnerships Pullman meetings; confirmation of interests
- Student job shadows





- Southwest Washington Contractors Association (SWCA) Regional Project Forecast sponsorship
- Association of Washington Business (AWB) – Manufacturing Week participation







#### What's Next:

- Workforce development:
   EcDec visitations with tenants
- Formalize WSU partnership opportunities – Brew lab and stormwater discussion
- Sponsorship and attendance of Cascadia Grains Conference
- Apprenticeship pilot program for Public Works contracts
- Connection opportunities for tenants and broader workforce







PATTY BOYDEN,
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



#### Goal:

 Protect air quality, water resources, and land managed by the port through deliberate and proactive efforts in all aspects of the port's operations.

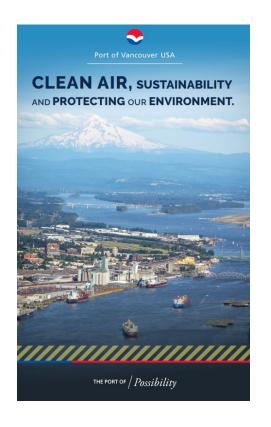
- Climate Action Plan
  - Research and Fact-Finding:
    - Local governments
    - West Coast ports
    - Consultants with climate plan experience





#### 2019 Milestones cont.

- Climate Action Plan cont.
  - Consultant assistance
    - Compiled POV portfolio of clean air efforts, on website
    - Evaluated regulatory framework and initiatives





RECs have been purchased since 2008.



Offset of electrical usage in port utility controlled buildings.



Metric tons of carbon dioxide have been offset by RECs.

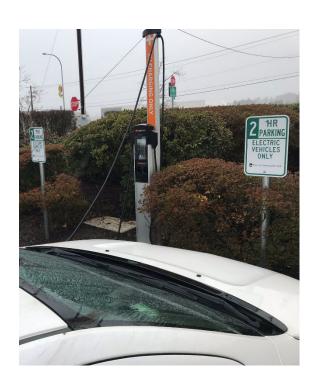


Equivalent to removing 8,280 vehicles from our roads for one year!



#### 2019 Milestones cont.

- Climate Action Plan cont.
  - Discussions with local Vancouver schools - Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) monitoring stations
  - Clean Energy Resolution and Policy
  - Continued sustainability initiatives: lighting and fleet upgrades, grant opportunity information, T1 LEED, renewable energy certificates





- Climate Action Plan
  - Independent third-party analysis
  - Identify green house gas (GHG) reduction opportunities



- Advance discussions with Vancouver schools and SWCAA on air monitoring stations at local schools
- Continue work on clean air initiatives through sustainability team
- Right-size plan to be effective and successful



#### Goal:

 Maintain the port's Sustainability Program to ensure that port operations are based on economic, environmental, and social values.

- Published annual Sustainability Report
- Conducted Commission Workshop on 2018 actions





## 2019 Milestones cont.

- Identified and implemented initiatives
  - People: Jobs, events, Terminal 1, tours
  - Planet: Wind energy, bike/ped path, energy saving
  - Profit: Record revenue, clean audit





- Brainstorm and prioritize new initiatives for 2020
- Report out on 2019 sustainability accomplishments at Commission Workshop







SCOTT GOODRICH,
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

CASEY O'DELL
DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES



## Financial Overview

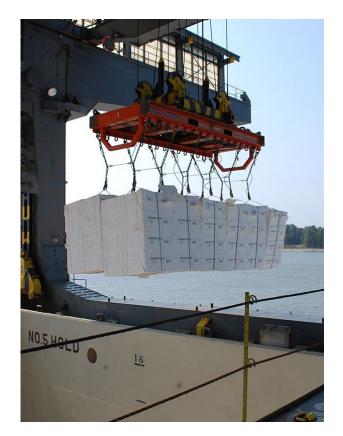
### **Goal:**

Strengthen the port's financial sustainability.

## **2019 Milestones:**

Record operating revenues and record-breaking tonnage



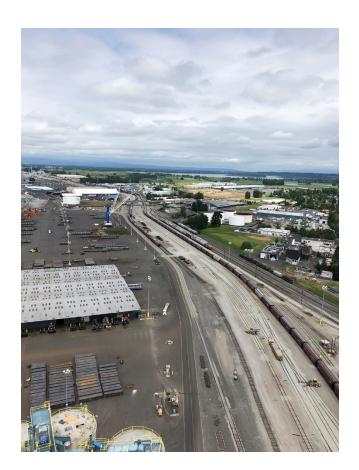




## Financial Overview

## 2019 Milestones cont.

- Refunded the port's Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) 2009 bonds, which lowered the interest rate and resulted in a \$530,000 savings to taxpayers
- Improved operational performance in 2019





## 2019 Milestones cont.

- Clean audit
- Implementation of SAP Concur Travel and Expense software



- Improve cost analysis of cargoes
- Continue to develop waterfront funding strategy
- Implement lease management software



#### Goal:

 Develop and communicate a long-term strategy for the use of property taxes and debt financing policies and tools.

- 2020 Budget
  - Incorporated the use of various debt financing tools to advance revenue goals
  - Evaluated funding options and incorporated a 1% tax increase and utilization of banked capacity to leverage funds for attaining future grants



- Seek grant funding to support long-term strategic opportunities for industrial, commercial, marine and waterfront development
- Develop long-term maintenance funding strategy





#### Goal:

 Develop a rolling 20-year comprehensive, scheduled maintenance plan to maximize operational capacity, efficiency and life expectancy of port assets.

- Developing a prioritized list of maintenance items including timeline, budget
- Fuel management system successfully integrated with Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)



## 2019 Milestones cont.

- Improved efficiency through technology upgrades
  - Email, cell phone and iPads for rail and maintenance crew



- Increased Wi-Fi coverage on the terminal
- POV water system control program installed
- Establishment of cross-department team to identify asset management needs
- Participating in Regional Asset Management Partnership (RAMP)



#### 2019 Milestones cont.

 Hired consultant and completed building assessment of major assets on port property – roofs, asphalt, etc.









- Continue to evaluate all assets including:
  - Vehicles
  - Equipment
  - Asphalt
  - Berths/docks
  - Water system
  - Stormwater system
- Administration building HVAC controls
- LED lighting upgrades





ELIZABETH GOTELLI, CHIEF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



#### **Goal:**

 Analyze risks and develop a plan for business continuity, resiliency, and disaster recovery.

- Business Continuity and Resiliency Plan (BCRP)
  - Received \$150,000 FEMA port security grant
  - All departments developed recovery processes
  - Table top exercise
  - Project is substantially complete



## 2019 Milestones cont.

- United States Coast Guard audit
- Department of Homeland Security cybersecurity audit
- Mass notification system
- Ongoing employee training and drills

- Continue to address afteraction items in the BCRP
- Table top exercise in 2020





## **Goal:**

Ensure alignment of key port planning documents.

- Updated Commission action item template to reflect strategic goals and strategies
- New mission and vision statements incorporated into employee policy manual, performance review templates, and port informational materials
- Incorporated strategic planning goals into 2020 budget



#### Goal:

 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.

#### 2019 Milestones:

 Collaborative, dedicated team that has advanced the strategic plan forward

























# Thank You

