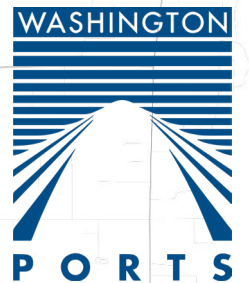


Washington's Public Ports

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Port Districts in Washington State

There are **75** port districts in Washington State

Ports are **special purpose districts and municipal corporations**

Ports were created to **retain public ownership** of waterfront and critical infrastructure

Ports **facilitate trade**, but the main purpose is to **promote economic development**

Ports Transportation Priorities

Transportation infrastructure is critical to ports achieving our economic development mission.

The transportation system competitive advantage for ports: it must be safe, efficient and well-maintained.

Ports fund important projects connecting agriculture and manufacturing to global consumers

Terminal 5 - Port of Seattle/Northwest Seaport Alliance, \$500m investment in trade

Inland seaports - Ports of Benton and Walla Walla looking at developing transload hubs

Columbia River Ports - Maintaining river depths to maximize exports

Expanding Rail Access to Marine Terminals - Ports of Grays Harbor, Kalama, Longview and Bellingham

Robust Freight Investment is a State Competitiveness Priority

The Puget Sound Gateway and the Interstate Bridge Replacement have statewide impact, benefitting multiple ports

Insufficient investment in maintenance and preservation will result in decreased safety

Fund the system. Ports are as likely to be located on a city street or county road as a state highway

Watch For: WPPA will release the 2025 Marine Cargo Forecast Update in March



Marine Cargo Forecast

In partnership with the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Ports are updating the Marine Cargo Forecast (MCF). The Forecast Accomplishes two goals:

- The MCF provides in-depth analysis of important marine transport and trade activities which support Washington's port and maritime industries as well as other important sectors like agriculture, timber, and manufacturing across the state.
- Ensure the landside transportation network is capable of supporting expected trade volumes and characteristics.



WA Ports and Aviation

Ports operate 37 airports statewide, including 7 of the state's 12 commercial service airports. SEA, owned/managed by the Port of Seattle, is the 11th busiest airport in the US with 24.6 million enplanements.

All airports, including General Aviation airports, provide important services to their communities including flight and safety training, emergency air medical services, tactical wildland firefighting support and other commercial support. Airport tenants provide training, services and economic development opportunities for both aeronautical and non-aeronautical uses.

The good news: larger airports receive up to 90% of infrastructure costs through federal airport improvement program funding. But smaller airports receive no federal funding and are reliant on help from state programs administered by WSDOT.





Expanded N Gates

Roadway Improvements

New Terminal 2

New Ground Transportation Center

Updated Landscaping



Port Electrification Grants

The legislature has funded \$64.8 million for Port Electrification & Decarbonization with Climate Commitment Act funding

Projects provide funding for: shore power, zero emission equipment, electric trucks and charging infrastructure

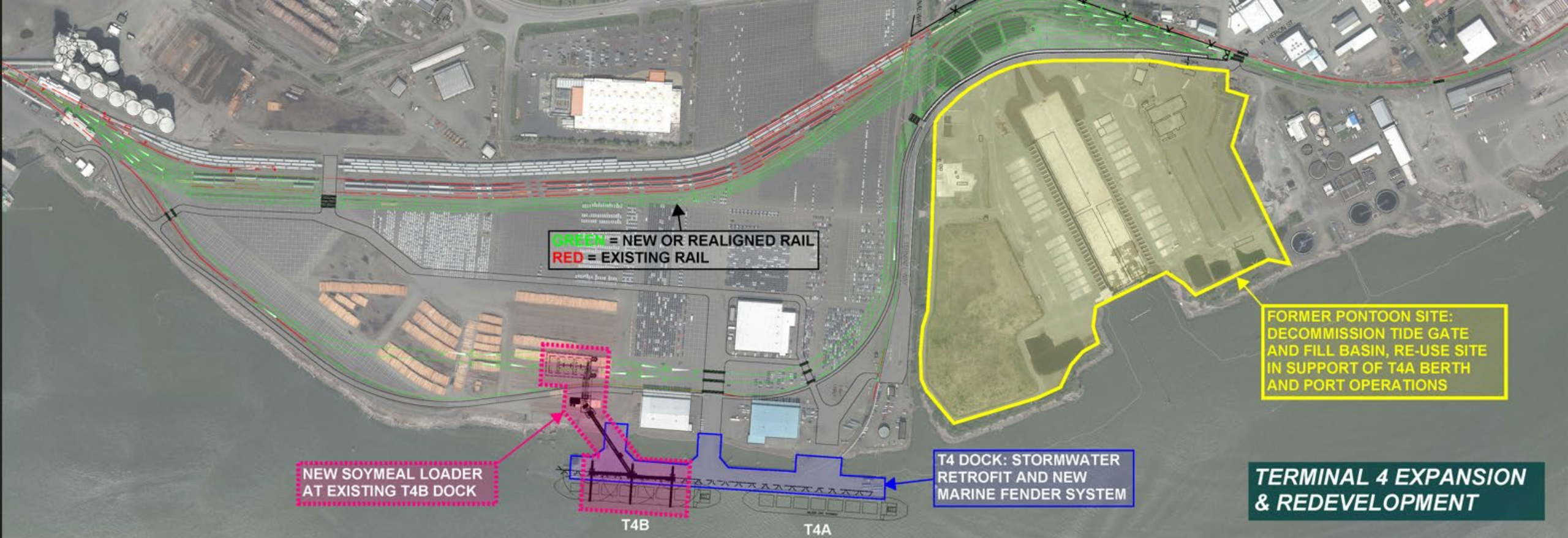
Twelve ports have been selected for funding



Supply Chain Competitiveness Infrastructure Program

Fosters Collaboration: Ports seek additional infrastructure funding for port and port-adjacent projects which seek to resolve supply chain conflicts which stifle job growth.

Project Example: Everett to Arlington: Cascade Industrial Corridor High/Wide Supply Chain Improvements



Rail Project Examples

Port of Grays Harbor T4 Rail Expansion

Adds export loading capacity, 45,000 ft of rail and environmental and safety improvements

\$170 million in private investment



TEMCO RAIL EXPANSION

The Port of Kalama's TEMCO grain export terminal rail expansion project will increase throughputs by 30%, while improving rail system capacity and and safety.

- **Project adds 25,000 feet of rail capacity**
- **Allows trains to exit and enter the mainline more quickly reducing delays on the mainline including for Amtrak Cascades**
- **\$36.8 million project cost which includes private partners.**

**Any
Questions?**

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