

United States Senate
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October 2nd, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). This funding will support NWSA's *Terminal 18 Efficiency Project*.

The *Terminal 18 Efficiency Project* aims to address the most urgent paving needs at Terminal 18 in NWSA's north harbor at the Port of Seattle, where the poor condition of the pavement has caused undue wear and tear on cargo handling equipment, resulting in inefficient operations and posing safety and environmental concerns. The project will also install weigh-in-motion scales at the Terminal 18 truck gate. By addressing the poor paving conditions at Terminal 18, NWSA will make terminal operations safer and more efficient, while helping reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality. Furthermore, by installing weigh-in-motion scales at the Terminal 18 truck gate, NWSA will allow for the rapid processing of cargo at Terminal 18 without stoppages or delays.

A marine terminal spanning 196 acres with 6,147 linear feet of berthing space, Terminal 18 is NWSA's largest international container terminal, serving as a critical economic hub for regional and global trade. NWSA cargo activity supports 52,000 jobs and nearly \$14 billion in economic activity in Washington, and NWSA managed \$70 billion of waterborne trade with 180 global trading partners in 2024. Safe and efficient terminals are crucial to maintaining NWSA's competitiveness in Pacific Rim trade, and this project will be key to ensuring smooth operations at Terminal 18, enabling workers to operate cargo handling equipment throughout the terminal safely and reducing the impact of delayed cargo processing. Efficient operations on Terminal 18 are also critical to ensuring Washington's agricultural producers maintain access to international export markets.

Thank you for your fair and full consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application. Please contact Emma Abraham in my Seattle office at 206-553-0724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator