

May 3, 2022



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for the NWSA Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Port of Seattle, I am pleased to express support for the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project.

The Port of Seattle is a special purpose government representing the people of King County, Washington; among its properties is the marine harbor in Seattle, which is operated by the NWSA – a partnership of the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle, which together represent the fourth-largest container gateway in the United States. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.

The Terminal 5 Project will allow NWSA to better compete against international competition while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. As demonstrated in the application, the Project will increase the volume and efficiency of exports (principally agricultural exports) while reducing carbon emissions through reduced truck queuing. We strongly endorse this project as a next step in modernizing a key U.S. trade gateway and levelling the playing field between U.S. and Canadian seaports and supply chains.

This project will also support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the NWSA. Increasing exports will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and empty container access for U.S. agricultural producers and other exporters that ship their products across the globe.

We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Calkins", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Commissioner Ryan Calkins
Commission President
Port of Seattle