



# Puget Sound Regional Council

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May 12, 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:

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PRSC), the central Puget Sound region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, is 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 Seattle metropolitan area is among the United States' top five goods exporters. As one of the world's global gateways and major entry points into North America, the freight system in the Pacific Northwest reaches far beyond the region's boundaries. The Terminal 5 project is within the regionally designated Duwamish Manufacturing/Industrial Center—one of the largest and most intensely developed manufacturing/industrial areas in the Pacific Northwest.

The Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods. Further, the project aligns with long-range regional planning goals included in PSRC's VISION 2050 plan for growth to maintain and support ports and freight, reduce GHG emissions and improve freight movement. 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.

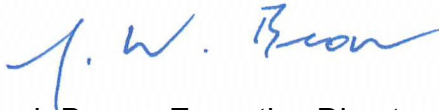
The Terminal 5 Project will allow NWSA to better compete against international competition while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. **NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.**

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. We are particularly proud of the national leadership that the NWSA has taken to

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proactively address climate change, environmental justice, and racial equity issues—well in advance of the current federal guidance in these areas. The Port has plans and programs with measurable outcomes in these areas. We urge you to fully fund the Port's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. W. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council