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The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution  
31243

May 11, 2012

Mr. Bob Drewel, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council  
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104-1035

Dear Mr. Drewel:

This letter is to express the support of the Seattle Freight Advisory Board for the Port of Seattle's Countywide project grant application to study critical freight access issues for the Port and the City of Seattle. We recognize the opportunity this project offers to undertake an in-depth study of access to and circulation within the Greater Duwamish and Ballard/Interbay areas, two of the region's premier Manufacturing and Industrial Centers (MIC). The Seattle Industrial Areas Freight Access Project will be a great tool and ultimately may be part of the City's city wide freight plan which they hope to fund by 2013.

This project will provide key analysis to support both the Port's Century Agenda and the City's freight master planning initiatives. It represents a key component of both agencies' efforts to address freight connectivity, updating the 2000 Duwamish Intermodal Access Study and the 2005 Freight Mobility Strategic Action Plan. Seattle's MICs support over 120,000 jobs for the Puget Sound region. However, many changes in the last several years have the potential to affect both existing jobs and the additional 100,000 jobs that the Port of Seattle envisions in its Century Agenda. Land use pressures and ongoing transportation system investments warrant a re-examination of key linkage and access needs for the future.

Close coordination between the Port of Seattle, the City of Seattle and the freight community included as part of this project will be critical to ensure our mutual prosperity and continuing collaboration in the future. The Freight Advisory Board appreciates your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Warren Aakervik, Chairman