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Port of Tacoma and Port of Olympia Commissioners to Hold Joint Study Sessions on South Sound Logistics Center

The Port of Tacoma and Port of Olympia have scheduled two joint Commission study sessions concerning a proposed South Sound Logistics Center (SSLC).

The sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31, 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6-9 p.m. Both meetings will be held at St. Martin's University, Worthington Center, 5300 Pacific Ave. SE in Lacey.

At the Jan. 31 session, findings from three key studies will be presented:

- Logistics Center Comparative Analysis
- Preliminary Market Assessment
- Alternative Sites Analysis

This meeting will be the first opportunity for Port Commissioners and the public to hear the results of these studies. Commissioners will not make any decisions at this meeting. They will consider these reports as they explore the potential for and viability of locating an integrated logistics facility within the region. A logistics center, as envisioned for the region, would be a transportation hub capable of enhancing regional capacity to move goods and support economic development.

The reports cited above will be posted on the project website, www.sslcports.com, and available for distribution when final versions are received at Port offices, expected prior to the Jan. 31 study session. Print and CD copies of the reports will be made available for session attendees. Those unable to attend may arrange to have print or CD copies sent to them following the session. Sessions will also be recorded by TCTV and aired periodically on local access television.

Study presentations are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. The public comment period will begin about 8 p.m. Comment cards will be available for those who prefer to submit written comments or questions.

The second meeting, scheduled for Feb. 20, will include an open house with consultants and port staff on-hand to answer questions related to each of the key studies and other aspects of the project.

In 2006, the Port of Tacoma initiated preliminary research into the concept of a regional logistics center. The Port of Olympia joined the Port of Tacoma in this research effort through an Interlocal Agreement. The agreement, valid through June 2008, provides a means for the two Ports to work collaboratively during the exploratory stage of the project.

Additional information may be found on-line at www.sslcports.com, or by contacting the Ports directly.