

## **News Release**

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## **Port Commission Accepts Port Vision 2050 Final Plan**

At the August 26, 2019 Port Commission meeting, Port Commissioners unanimously accepted the Port Vision 2050 final plan.

In May of 2018, the Port launched a community-wide engagement process to help identify community priorities for the future. The fifteen-month initiative provided direct engagement and input opportunities for citizens through a combination of interviews, surveys and community group presentations. The goals of this initiative were to better-engage citizens in Port planning, develop stronger community partnerships and establish a shared-vision for the Port over the long-term.

The initial phase of community input provided nearly 10,000 comments and, with help from a community-based task force, ten core goals and 60 potential actions were identified. The community-review phase provided nearly 1,050 surveys. The task force reviewed the input and recommended ten core goals and 59 actions for the final plan.

“I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who took the time to provide their input throughout this process. I also want to thank the task force members for volunteering numerous hours to sort through the data and create goals and actions that represent community priorities,” said Port Commission President, Bill McGregor.

Executive Director, Sam Gibboney said, “The valuable feedback received from the citizens of Thurston County will help shape future Port activities and investment for years to come. This body of work is a wonderful gift for the Port to receive.”

Implementation of Vision 2050 actions will take place through the process of setting commission priorities and annual budget, and through Port staff’s annual action plans.

For more information about Vision 2050 and to view the final plan, visit: [www.portolympia2050.org](http://www.portolympia2050.org)

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**About the Port of Olympia**

The southernmost deep-water port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haul-out/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.

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