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The purpose of the Port of Olympia shall be to vigorously manage its assets to provide maximum benefits to the citizens of Thurston County. To do this, the Port shall BUILD relationships, facilities, and infrastructure that help the Thurston County economy GROW, while it serves those who MOVE products and people and accepts a role to IMPROVE Thurston County's recreational options and environment.

Port of Olympia Mission Statement

Olympia and Tacoma Port Commissions Approve Strategic Partnership to Explore South Sound Logistics Center

In July 2006, the Port of Olympia and Port of Tacoma Commissions voted to adopt an Interlocal Agreement to form a strategic partnership that will improve regional rail system capacity, establish a center for warehousing and distribution and create a major South Puget Sound employment center.

The Interlocal Agreement calls for the two ports to cooperatively purchase, plan and develop a South Sound Logistics Center on a 745-acre site in Thurston County, along Interstate 5 near Maytown. Under terms of the agreement, the two ports have until December 31, 2007 to sign a final Joint Operating Agreement.

The vision for the land may include facilities designed for handling the growing volume of international and domestic cargo moving through the region via truck and rail.

"This land provides a strategic opportunity for our two ports, and our entire region, to work together to create additional rail capacity and transportation efficiencies through the South Puget Sound and the entire state," said Port of Olympia Commission President Steve Pottle. "The real payoff of this project will be family-wage jobs, not just for Thurston County, but for the entire region."

The property is a former industrial site that now has permitting in place for gravel mining. It is near rail tracks used by BNSF Railway, Union Pacific Railroad and the Mountain Division of Tacoma Rail, a division of Tacoma Public Utilities.

The objectives of the joint project include:

- Expediting regional and statewide movement of goods;
- Reducing traffic impacts on local and interstate roadways;
- Increasing the capacity and operational efficiency of both ports;



The site being considered for the South Sound Logistics Center is located off I-5, near Maytown.

- Expanding job opportunities for residents of Thurston County and Pierce County;
- Improving rail service and access for both ports;
- Reducing the environmental impact of diesel emissions due to more efficient freight movement;
- Stimulating private investment in industrial, manufacturing and office facilities; and
- Enhancing the financial performance of both ports.

The proposed South Sound Logistics Center will provide a centralized, rail-served location for manufacturers, distributors and cargo handlers. Co-locating businesses that use

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Commission Message

Port Seeks Qualified Commissioner Applicants

By Bob Van Schoorl

Commissioner Steve Pottle announced in July that he would be resigning his Commission post to take a job as



Manager of Economic Development for Snohomish County. His resignation will be effective

October 10, 2006.

The Port will miss Commissioner Pottle's enthusiasm and passion for serving the citizens of Thurston County. During his nine years at the Port, he has been a champion for economic opportunity in Thurston County. He helped guide the development and expansion of Port businesses, bringing jobs and revenues to our community, and has been a leader on the Thurston County Economic Development Council. We wish him well in his new position.

The Commission is currently seeking qualified applicants to replace Commissioner Pottle. Applicants must reside in District 2, encompassing most of Lacey, Yelm and other eastern areas of Thurston County.

Information about the recruitment process is available on the Port website at www.portolympia.com or by calling the Port at 360-528-8000. We intend to appoint the new Commissioner at the October 23 meeting.

Commissioner Paul Telford and I look forward to meeting our new colleague. 

Glacier Aviation Sets High Standards

From the time he took his first helicopter ride at age 11, Mike Thielen knew he wanted aviation to be a focus in his life. Today, as President of Glacier Aviation, he has achieved his goal.

Purchasing a helicopter at age 21, he started in the tour business and then expanded to helicopter flight training. In 2000, he helped start the fixed base operator (FBO) business at the Olympia Regional Airport he now owns with his wife, Lori.


Mike, Lori, and Vice President Gary Bankers make up the management team. Employing 22 people, Glacier offers helicopter flight training, fixed wing aircraft training, FBO services, including fuel and aircraft maintenance, and other services. Helicopter-related activities account for about half the business.

"Being diverse is essential," said Thielen. "In this business, you need to be prepared to respond to changes."

Glacier emphasizes quality, personal service and safety in all aspects of the business.

Presented the Small Business of the Year Award by the Economic Development Council of Thurston County earlier this year, Glacier supports numerous local organizations.

Thielen considers the Olympia Regional Airport an important partner in his success and is excited by its prospects for growth and development.

"I want to grow aviation in this community and have a modern facility that will make people want to do business here," he said. 



Glacier President Mike Thielen values his company's partnership with the Olympia Regional Airport.

Café Opens at Airport

The Port welcomes Volare Café Italiano to the Olympia Regional Airport Terminal, 7702 Terminal St. in Tumwater. Specializing in authentic Italian dining, Volare is open for lunch and dinner. Call (360) 357-6967 for information.

Anthony's Restaurant to Anchor NorthPoint


The first new business to locate in the NorthPoint district at the tip of the Port Peninsula is under construction. In May, Anthony's broke ground for a new restaurant at the site of the former Genoas restaurant.

The new facility will have a different theme than Anthony's HomePort in the Market District. It will occupy over 7,000 square feet, seat 200 with an additional 80 seats on the deck, and employ 100 people. Completion is scheduled for winter 2007.

"The Port is pleased to be able to partner with Anthony's on a second ambitious

project," said Commissioner Telford. "We look forward to the opening of this distinctive new restaurant."

The vision for NorthPoint includes an office/retail building and possibly a boutique hotel. In addition, Port plans call for pedestrian-oriented waterfront amenities, including development of a shoreline trail and viewpoints.

"This is a spectacular location," said Heber Kennedy, Port Property Director. "We have had interest from a number of potential developers for different projects." 



Budd Gould, Anthony's President (3rd from left), is joined by Port staff in breaking ground for the new restaurant at NorthPoint.

Meet Executive Director Ed Galligan



It's been a year of transition at the Port. New Executive Director Ed Galligan took the helm in December, and we would like to share some of his impressions and goals for the future.

Q Tell us about your background.

A In 2005, I took advantage of an early retirement package from the Port of Portland where I served over a year as Executive Director and nearly 14 years as Senior Director and Chief Financial Officer. In addition, I have over 20 years of private business experience.

Q What brought you to the Port of Olympia?

A I was honored to have the chance to bring my years of experience and passion for the things ports can contribute to this unique and beautiful port district.

Q What are some of the Port's opportunities?

A People ask where I see the greatest growth opportunities. The answer is simple: all the operations of this Port have meaningful, sustainable growth potential. Swantown Marina has a significant waiting list for boat slips, and we are considering an expansion of the Boatworks haulout facility; the Marine Terminal has enhanced rail facilities that increase its capacity for handling diverse cargoes; the Airport is preparing to imple-

ment maintenance projects that are required to maintain the safety and competitiveness of the facility; and Port commercial and industrial properties are in high demand.

Q What are some of the Port's greatest challenges?

A An immediate challenge is to recruit a new Port Commissioner who understands the unique dynamics of ports and also the role our Port plays in the community. Other challenges include developing funding sources to grow port businesses; refining and upgrading some of our internal management tools; and enhancing communications with our community, customers and other stakeholders.

Q What is your vision for the Port 10 years from now?

A The Port will be working in close partnership with the community and the public and private sectors to foster economic development that will be a good fit for this community. I see East Bay and NorthPoint built out and thriving, connected by a pedestrian-oriented waterfront. The marine terminal will be busy handling specialty cargoes, and the Olympia Regional Airport will provide cost-competitive access for local businesses and residents to key destinations. Swantown Marina & Boatworks will continue to set the standard for marinas and boat haulout facilities in the state. As a result, quality jobs are created, and the quality of life is meaningfully enhanced. 🌀

Summer Brings Activity to Swantown

Swantown has been a hub of activity this summer.

A popular boating destination, visiting boaters are being greeted by volunteers from the Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB) and asked to participate in a short survey.

“Visiting boaters are an important part of South Sound tourism,” said Tamara Garcia, VCB Executive Director. “We’re anxious to make a direct connection with them and find out how we can better meet their needs.”

Business is booming at Swantown Boatworks. Through July, 494 boats were hauled out, and private boat repair businesses operating at the Boatworks are busy.

Swantown is a choice venue for water-oriented events. In May, the Port hosted the 10th Annual Swantown BoatSwap & Chowder Challenge, and in July, the marina was the site of the Senior Games rowing event. Olympia Area Rowing will sponsor the annual Swantown Regatta human powered boat race as part of the Harbor Days festival during Labor Day weekend, and South Sound Rowers will hold their regional regatta in September.

Planning is proceeding for the next phase of Swantown development. The expansion will include three new permanent moorage docks (M, N and O), guest moorage and upland facilities. 🌀

Community

Port Uses Reclaimed Water

The Port is one of the first users of reclaimed water, a new community resource. At Swantown, lawns and flowerbeds are being watered by the reclaimed water irrigation system. There are also plans to use the water as other areas are developed on the Port Peninsula.



Reclaimed water is used water that has been cleaned to a high level so it can be beneficially reused. Safe for contact with people and animals, the odorless water is produced by LOTT at its Reclaimed Water Facility at the Budd Inlet Treatment Plant. The facility can produce up to one million gallons of reclaimed water each day and is distributed to the Port by the City of Olympia.

The water is also used for irrigation at City park facilities along Percival Landing, at the State's Heritage and Marathon parks, and for various LOTT uses. The program is in direct response to recommendations from the public that wastewater be managed as a resource.

In July, the Port joined with LOTT, the City of Olympia, and Washington State Departments of General Administration and Ecology in SPLASH, a community event to celebrate the launch of the program.


For additional information, contact LOTT at 360-664-2333 or go to www.lottonline.org. 🌀

South Sound Logistics Center

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the state's rail and highway networks at this center means that trains and trucks can avoid multiple stops every day at widely dispersed business locations to receive or deliver rail cars or truck trailers. Instead, those businesses will be served at one location.

Under terms of the Interlocal Agreement:

- The Port of Tacoma will be responsible for the initial cost of due diligence and conceptual planning and will purchase the property, estimated at about \$20 million. The Port of Tacoma closed escrow on the site in late July.
- The Port of Olympia will lead conceptual planning, land use and permitting, consulting with local stakeholders and identifying market opportunities.
- Both ports will collaborate on planning and operation of regional rail and inter-modal functions. 

We Want to Hear From You

Do you have questions or comments for Port Commissioners or staff? Please email us at inquiries@portolympia.com, write the Port at 915 Washington St. NE, Olympia, 98501, or call (360) 528-8000.

Port's Marine Terminal Wins Quality Award

In May, the Port of Olympia was honored as the only U.S. port to receive a 2006 Quality Award given annually to the transportation industry by the Army's Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC). The award recognized the Port's commitment to customer service, innovation, scope of contribution, and strong capability in handling break-bulk cargoes.

Commission Meeting Schedule

The Port of Olympia Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the LOTT Board Room, Market Centre Building, 111 Market Street NE, Second Floor, Olympia. All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. For information, contact Jeri Sevier at (360) 528-8003.

The Port would like your feedback concerning the Navigator. Please go to our website at www.portolympia.com and answer the short survey. You will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a Port promotional basket. Thank you for your participation.

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