City of Tacoma

Mayor Victoria Woodards

April 20, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to write in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Husky Terminal Expansion Part One project. Husky Terminal is located in Tacoma, home to one of North America's largest ports, which has a regional economic engine supporting more than 42,000 jobs in Washington and nearly $3 billion in local economic activity. The Northwest Seaport Alliance [NWSA] is a critical regional and state economic driver. We respectfully urge your full consideration of this request.

The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One project will support PIDP goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port of Tacoma, and will densify a busy international container terminal by adding capacity and optimizing storage. The project will also significantly lower carbon emissions by installing power infrastructure needed to support electrification and minimizing the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. Husky Terminal is surrounded by a historically disadvantaged community, which will benefit from both lower emissions and new jobs. Additionally, this project will increase reefer capacity to the benefit of agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval.

Improving export capacity will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and access to empty containers for U.S. exporters who ship their products across the globe. The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One project will allow NWSA to better compete in international markets while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. The City of Tacoma strongly endorses this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains. The City Council and I are in full support of this grant request. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours in Service,

Victoria R. Woodards

Victoria R. Woodards, Tacoma Mayor