

RESOLUTION NO. 603-13

A Resolution of the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME OF HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE 2013, FOR THE PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND

WHEREAS: under the provisions of RCW 53.20, port districts are required to adopt a comprehensive scheme of harbor improvements, and;

WHEREAS: such adoption shall occur after a public hearing, duly noticed, is held, and;

WHEREAS: such a public hearing was properly held by the Port Commission on December 11, 2013, and;


WHEREAS: the Port Commission, in general session on December 23, 2013, moved to approve the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements Update 2013 (incorporating the changes directed in their deliberations following the receipt of testimony on December 11, 2013); and

WHEREAS: the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Commission;


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend, that pursuant to RCW 53.20, the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements Update 2013 is the official Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements for the Port of Port Townsend.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of December 2013, by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.


ATTEST:


Leif W. Erickson, President


Steven R. Tucker, Vice President


David H. Thompson, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carolyn Lake, Port Attorney




A Note from the Port Commission

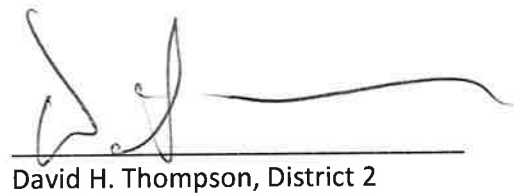
Jefferson County is special to us. This is where our friends and families live, and it is a wonderful place to live, work and recreate. We share a sense of gratitude for having the good fortune to live here – as well as a deep sense of responsibility to do what we can to pass on an equally abundant and healthy community to the generations that will follow us. In these times doing so is a challenge.

In the past, our success as a port and community has been dependent upon all of us working together. Looking ahead, we must acknowledge that we live in a unique and uncertain period in our history. While the Port's revenues and income have experienced modest growth over the past two years, Jefferson County, the state and the nation as a whole remain stalled in a deep recession. Easy fixes to the recession appear unlikely, and the ongoing consequences of substantial reductions in public and private debt ("deleveraging") may be experienced in communities large and small, including our own.

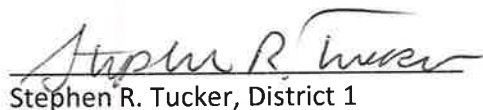
Crafting a Comprehensive Scheme of Improvements in such a time is difficult, to be sure. However, if we continue to work together, and base our decisions on facts and informed discussion, we can plot a course forward that allows our community to thrive. Our responsibilities as Jefferson County's only public port are to do our best to understand the broader economic context, and to carefully manage and protect our existing properties and operations for the community's economic well-being. With challenge comes opportunity, and this document offers a positive vision for how the Port can help our community's economy be more balanced, resilient and secure.



Leif W. Erickson, Chair, District 3



David H. Thompson, District 2



Stephen R. Tucker, District 1