



May 3, 2022

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

Subject: Support for the NWSA Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), I write in support of the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project.

PNWA has over 150 members, including ports, barge companies, steamship operators, grain elevator operators, agricultural producers, electric utilities, irrigation districts, and union labor throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Our association supports projects to advance and protect the region's navigation infrastructure, freight mobility, economic health, and the environment.

Projects like The NWSA Terminal 5 expansion help support the region's multi-modal transportation system, and provide critical links to competitive domestic and world markets. This Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port and as demonstrated in the application, will increase the volume and efficiency of exports (principally agricultural exports) while reducing carbon emissions through reduced truck queuing.

Increasing exports will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and empty container access for U.S. agricultural producers and other exporters that ship their products across the globe.

The Terminal 5 Project will allow NWSA to better compete against international competition while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.

We strongly endorse this project as a next step in modernizing a key U.S. trade gateway and levelling the playing field between U.S. and Canadian seaports and supply chains. We are particularly proud of the national leadership that the NWSA has taken to proactively address climate change, environmental justice, and racial equity issues—well in advance of the current federal guidance in these areas. The Port has plans and programs with measurable outcomes in these areas. We urge you to fully fund the Port's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Heather Stebbings
Executive Director