Port of Vancouver, USA

Ports as Economic Engines
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Welcome to the port of possibility.
Port of Vancouver, USA
Mission Statement

The Port of Vancouver provides economic benefit to our community through

- Leadership
- Partnership
- Stewardship

in marine and industrial development.
Port of Vancouver Beginnings

Established in 1912 by the people of Vancouver
- To provide public ownership of the Columbia River waterfront
- One of 75 port districts in Washington
- Port district includes 111 square miles
- Population almost 300,000
Marine Operations

- Four marine terminals, 12 berths
- Handle 5 million tons of cargo per year
- Trade with Japan, Australia, Korea, SE Asia, China, South America, Europe, Egypt
- Expanding cargos are driving the need to add another terminal facility
Industrial Facilities

- More than 50 tenants
- Currently about 1,100 people work for Port tenant businesses
- At or near 100% occupancy for several years, causing the need to develop new industrial areas
POV Expansion & Economic Growth
(Cargo Growth 2002-2007)

- Break Bulk Tonnage – 97% increase
- Combined Liquid Bulks – 108% increase
- Grain Tonnage – 17.6% increase
- Mineral Bulk Tonnage – 176% increase
- Autos – 27% decrease (2003 East Coast facility opened)
- Project Cargo – 15 times increase
- 77% Growth in Operating Revenue
Partnership Benefits & Challenges

Better Rail System and a New Waterfront

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West Vancouver Freight Access Rail
Cast of Characters

- BNSF
- WSDOT/State of Washington
- Boise Cascade
- City of Vancouver
- LaFarge
- Albina
- Land owners who need to work with us
Building Blocks for Agreement

- Does it work for the community?
- Common goals
- Shared costs
- Breaking down road blocks
- LaFarge/Albina/other property owners
- Patience/relationships/trust
- Timing
## Economic Benefits

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Other Partnerships that Demonstrate Economic Gain

- Transportation partnerships
- Development partnerships
- Natural resources partnerships
Conclusion: **Ports will Continue to Drive Economies**

- Trade will increase
- Global business growth will continue
- Ports will continue to play key role
When you're in deep trouble, say nothing and stay cool!
"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie' until you can find a rock."

- Will Rogers

US humorist & showman (1879-1935)
Thank you for coming!