

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

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A DRAFT RESOLUTION on endorsing transportation strategies focused on improving the movement of people and goods in Seattle’s industrial and maritime areas.

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WHEREAS, maritime and industrial sectors are critical parts of the local and regional economy;
and

WHEREAS, Seattle contains two regionally designated Manufacturing Industrial Centers (MICs), a designation that prioritizes long term use for industry and serves a critical function to the regional and statewide economy, and is subject to regional policy protections in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Vision 2050 plan, and is eligible for allocation of federal and State transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, industrial and maritime uses in the Manufacturing Industrial Centers provide quality jobs, two-thirds of which are accessible without four-year college degrees; and

WHEREAS, a high proportion of jobs on industrial lands in fields including maritime, transportation and logistics, construction, utilities, and services remain unionized with high quality benefits; and

WHEREAS, there is a high potential for equitable access to quality jobs in industrial and maritime sectors by women and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) workers when coupled with job training and access programs provided by the City and other public agencies and private entities; and

WHEREAS, expansion of Sound Transit light rail will add or expand up to five stations in or directly adjacent to industrially zoned lands; and

1 WHEREAS, industrial activities in Seattle and throughout the United States are trending towards
2 activity patterns that are more research, design and technology oriented than in previous
3 generations; and

4 WHEREAS, it is a benefit to the regional and national economy when supply chains are stable
5 and a variety of goods supporting everyday life are manufactured in the United States and
6 efforts are underway at all levels of government to onshore more manufacturing
7 activities; and

8 WHEREAS, an Industrial and Maritime Strategy Advisory Council convened between
9 December 17, 2019 and May 21, 2021, and issued a report based on an 80 percent
10 consensus that recommended 11 strategies to strengthen and support our industrial
11 maritime sectors; and

12 WHEREAS, the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Advisory Council report included
13 transportation strategies that form the basis of this proposed legislation; NOW,
14 THEREFORE,

15 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
16 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

17 Section 1. The City Council encourages the Seattle Department of Transportation, the
18 Office of City Planning, and the City's regional transportation partners to work collaboratively
19 with the Port of Seattle, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, industrial trade unions, and other
20 stakeholders in the industrial areas of the City to:

21 A. Improve the movement of people and goods and make transit and freight networks
22 work for industrial and maritime users with better service and facilities;

