

# Find Your Way Around This Meeting

## Registration

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## Station 1: Goals and Objectives

- Learn about the project's goals and objectives

## Station 2: Environmental Review Process and Alternatives

- Gather information on the environmental review process, timeline and proposed alternatives

## Station 3: Environmental Elements for Analysis

- Learn about the 12 proposed environmental elements to be analyzed and provide your feedback on what should be studied

## Station 4: The Northwest Seaport Alliance (Background)

- Understand the Northwest Seaport Alliance's history and how the Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma have partnered on this project

## Station 5: Public Comments

- Provide written comments
- Provide an electronic comment to the online open house on one of two laptops



# Public Scoping Meeting Guide

## Terminal 5 Improvements Project

## Welcome

Thank you for attending the Terminal 5 Improvements public scoping meeting.

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) is proposing modifications to the existing marine cargo facilities at Terminal 5 and is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS provides an objective analysis of the likely significant environmental impacts, feasible alternatives, and measures that would avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts.

## Background

Terminal 5 has been identified by the Northwest Seaport Alliance as one of two strategic terminals with the best potential for handling big ships and expanding capacity in the Puget Sound gateway. The existing facility, without expansion of the cargo marshalling area, rail yard or wharf area, is of sufficient size and configuration to serve emerging cargo shipping needs with minimal upgrades. The cargo/rail transfer yard is able to handle long sections of specialized, double-stack rail cars and reduces the need for trucking in and out of the facility.

Proximity to Interstates 5 and 90, as well as several state highways, provides excellent transportation access to serve local export and import needs. Combined with modest wharf strengthening and berth deepening of the existing 2,900 linear-foot cargo pier, of all these features make the terminal capable of providing efficient service to the large, new container ships now entering the global marine transportation market.

**Be sure to sign-up if you wish to make a public comment this evening**

## Meeting Agenda

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Open house

6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Presentation

- Opening remarks
- Project Background
- Environmental Review Process

6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Q&A

6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Public hearing

8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Open house continues

8:30 p.m.

Public meeting ends

## How to comment on the EIS

- Public hearing **oral testimony**
- Written **comment form**
- **Online at:** [t5eis.publicmeeting.info](http://t5eis.publicmeeting.info)
- **Email:** [SEPA.p@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA.p@portseattle.org)  
(please include your mailing address)
- **Mail to:** Paul Meyer, Port of Seattle, Environmental Services, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111

## Environmental Review

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires state and local agencies to evaluate the likely environmental consequences of proposed development actions.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) provides an objective analysis of the likely significant environmental impacts, feasible alternatives, and measures that would avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts.

## What is Scoping?

Scoping is the first step in the EIS process. During scoping, we invite agencies, tribes, and the community to comment on the likely range of alternatives and areas of impact that should be evaluated for the Terminal 5 Improvements project.

## Next Steps

Once scoping is complete, we prepare a Draft EIS. The Draft EIS provides agencies and the public with information on likely significant adverse environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures. We ask the public for comments on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will respond to comments received on the Draft EIS and may include revisions based on comments received and new information learned.



The environmental review process for the Terminal 5 Improvements Project

## Proposed Analyses

12 environmental elements have been preliminarily identified for analysis in the EIS. Examples of types of analyses we will study are provided below.



### Air Quality

- Identification of existing air quality conditions and primary sources of existing emissions

#### Description of:

- Anticipated dust and emissions during construction
- Emissions sources during operation
- Likely greenhouse gas emissions



### Noise

- Description of existing noise levels on and near the site

#### Analysis of:

- Anticipated noise conditions during construction
- Expected noise conditions with the proposal



### Transportation

- Evaluation of mitigation requirements

#### Description of:

- Existing roadway network in the site vicinity
- Existing vehicular traffic volumes
- Existing nearby freight truck and rail traffic
- Planned nearby transportation and transit projects
- Existing nearby pedestrian and bicycle facilities

#### Analysis of:

- Trip generation and distribution from assumed site development
- Non-motorized and pedestrian opportunities with proposed development and impacts on existing facilities

We will also consider analyzing the following elements:



Aesthetics/Light and Glare



Earth



Environmental Health



Historic/Cultural



Land and Shoreline Use



Plants and Animals



Public Services



Stormwater



Utilities