

# PROPOSED CRUISE TERMINAL AT TERMINAL 46



- ▶ The proposed new cruise terminal would add the capacity needed to accommodate the growing demand for Alaska, Pacific Northwest, and West Coast cruises, which can no longer be met by the three berths at the Port's two existing terminals (Terminal 91 and Pier 66).
- ▶ A cruise terminal at Terminal 46 would occupy the northern 29 acres of the overall 86.5-acre terminal facility. The remainder of the site would be maintained as a marine cargo facility and for administrative use.

Proposed location for T46 Cruise Terminal Development



# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is a state law. It requires agencies to evaluate the likely environmental consequences of proposed development actions. SEPA provides direction for the environmental review process, including preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for certain projects.



## What is an EIS?

- ▶ An environmental impact statement (EIS) provides an objective analysis of the likely environmental impacts, feasible alternatives, and measures that would avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts.
- ▶ An “impact” is a change in consequence that results from an activity. Impacts can be positive, negative or both. An EIS describes negative impacts and may identify ways to mitigate them.
- ▶ There are three major milestones in an EIS – Scoping, Draft EIS, and Final EIS.

## What is Scoping?

- ▶ Scoping is the first step in the EIS process. During scoping, we invite agencies, tribes, and the general public to comment on the likely range of project alternatives and areas of impact that should be evaluated. These comments will be used to narrow the focus of the EIS to the likely significant environmental issues, eliminate insignificant impacts from study, and identify alternatives for analysis in the EIS.
- ▶ Once the scoping process is complete, we will prepare a Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will provide agencies and the public with information on environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures. We will again ask the public for comments on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will respond to all comments received on the Draft EIS and may include revisions to the Draft EIS based on comments received and new information learned.





# PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

The Port of Seattle is proposing to develop a new cruise terminal at Terminal 46 as part of a flexible marine transportation facility that will continue to support cargo and other marine operations. The Port will determine alternatives based on an assessment of options that could feasibly achieve the project's objective. For the Terminal 46 Cruise Terminal Development, we will analyze no-action and action alternatives. Any action alternatives will include the same work elements.

## What elements will be included in the cruise terminal development?

- ▶ Cruise building
- ▶ Cruise-related parking
- ▶ On-site transportation circulation
- ▶ Connection to the local transportation system
- ▶ Utilities
- ▶ Access to the deep-water berth
- ▶ Shore power
- ▶ Street improvements and landscaping
- ▶ Pedestrian access and connection to the waterfront and downtown Seattle





# PROPOSED ANALYSES

The Port has preliminarily identified nine environmental elements for analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). For each environmental element, we will evaluate the probable impacts associated with the proposed action and operations.

## We plan to study the following environmental elements:



Transportation



Air quality/  
greenhouse gas analysis



Noise



Biological resources

### Additional elements:



Earth



Water resources



Aesthetics/light  
and glare



Historical/cultural  
resources



Environmental justice





# HOW TO COMMENT

Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process. Public comments as part of the scoping process are being sought until Wednesday, November 13, 2019. We are inviting stakeholders, including tribes, the community, and other agencies to comment and suggest potential environmental elements and impacts for evaluation. Comments help us determine which potential impacts are insignificant and which impacts and development warrant further analysis.

## Tips for commenting

- ▶ Be clear, concise, and organized
- ▶ Be specific
- ▶ Identify possible solutions
- ▶ For additional tips, visit the Washington State Department of Ecology's Citizen's Guide to SEPA Review and Commenting

## OTHER WAYS TO COMMENT

Online: **[T46cruise.participate.online](https://t46cruise.participate.online)**

Email: **[SEPA@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA@portseattle.org)**

please include your name and preferred contact method

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# NEXT STEPS

Thank you for attending our public meeting and offering comments on the Terminal 46 Cruise Terminal Development.

- ▶ The Port of Seattle will review all comments submitted for the Terminal 46 Cruise Terminal Development and use them to prepare the Draft EIS
- ▶ The Draft EIS is tentatively scheduled to be issued in early 2020
- ▶ Should the schedule change, updated information will be posted online:
  - ▶ [T46cruise.participate.online](https://t46cruise.participate.online)
  - ▶ [portseattle.org/projects/new-cruise-terminal](https://portseattle.org/projects/new-cruise-terminal)





# CRUISE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES:

- ▶ Maximize the use of the Port's deep-water facilities and industrial lands to serve maritime industrial uses
- ▶ Expand economic, cultural, and community benefits within cruise operations and development
- ▶ Support financial sustainability of the Port of Seattle
- ▶ Incorporate leading edge environmental stewardship and sustainability practices and facilities that can exceed existing regulations
- ▶ Facilitate improved transportation mobility of people and goods in the region
- ▶ Provide consistent excellence in customer service to strengthen Seattle's role as the West Coast's premier cruise port