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ANACORTES – Port of Anacortes receives Skagit County Economic Development Funding Grant

The Port of Anacortes is the recipient of an Economic Development Funding Grant in the amount of \$300,000 from Skagit County. The grant will be used towards the costs of Pier 2 Bulkhead Wall Improvements. The Board of County Commissioners received total requests in excess of \$4.4 million, with available funding limited to about half of that amount. Grant applications were reviewed by the Economic Development Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Constructed in 1964, the steel sheet pile bulkhead wall runs the width of Pier 2 and is showing major signs of corrosion and deterioration. The project, estimated to cost \$2.8 million, will involve patching holes in the existing sheet pile wall, applying cathodic protection, and stabilization of upland soil. In order to ensure continuous operations of Pier 2, the project will be completed in two phases with the first part occurring in Fall of 2017 and the second in Spring 2018. Pier 2, one of eight natural deep-water ports in Puget Sound, is used primarily for the export of bulk products to destinations around the globe. This infrastructure is essential to the Port's mission of fostering economic development by directly providing living wage jobs and access to deep water for our area's largest industries.



About the Port of Anacortes

The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926 to promote economic development for Anacortes and the surrounding area. The Port district is led by a board of five elected commissioners: John Pope, Joe Verdoes, Ray Niver, Keith Rubin and Bill Short. Public meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Port Transit She Event Center, 100 Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA.

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