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BELLINGHAM SHIPPING TERMINAL?

A five year transformation



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We're rebuilding a vital West Coast shipping hub



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REBUILDING A VITAL WEST COAST SHIPPING HUB

A Balanced Vision for Growth The \$49.5 million project reflects the Port's commitment to sustainable economic development, balancing economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, and community wellbeing.

Investing in Infrastructure for Our Future Federal grants are funding waterway deepening, pier upgrades, rail reconnection, and clean energy and climate resiliency projects, ensuring Bellingham Shipping Terminal (BST) can support diverse, clean cargo operations.

Supporting Community Ambitions By restoring use of BST, the Port strengthens Whatcom County's economy, generating family-wage jobs, supporting services and the quality of life our community values.

PROJECT GOALS SHIPPING TERMINAL MODERNIZATION

- 1 MODERNIZE aging infrastructure, resume use, and electrify
- 2 CLEAN UP historic contamination and protect the Salish Sea
- **3 CONNECT** BST to the region and the world
- 4 SUPPORT sustainable economic growth and family-wage jobs
- 5 ENSURE resilience against both large and small climate impacts







First, upgrade the terminal, return to operational efficiency, and electrify docked ships.

Dock strengthening to increase load capacity, enhance safety, and future proof infrastructure for climate impacts.













2029



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Shore Power Installation A \$2.8 million grant enables docked ships to connect to the electrical grid, reducing reliance on diesel engines. Will significantly lower noise levels, cut carbon and particulates, improving air quality.

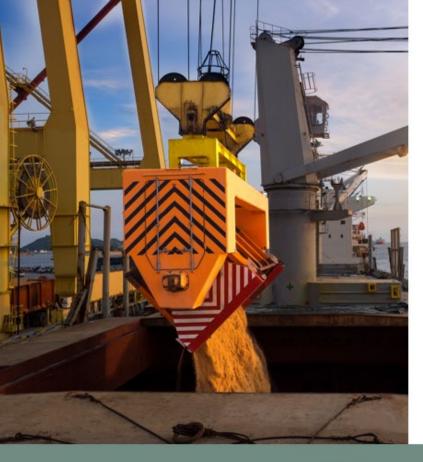












Quieter & Cleaner BST is exploring cleaner cargo handling with completely sealed shipping containers called Rotainers, which are loaded directly from truck or train into a ship's cargo hold, reducing dust, spillage, and noise.

Innovative Response Already in use at ports like Vancouver, BC, BST will be first in the USA to adopt this proven technology.















2 CLEAN UP AND PROTECT

Second, clean up historical pollution, then stay clean with upgraded stormwater management.

Contaminant Removal Remove approximately 22,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from historic industrial and municipal pollution to enhance water quality and ecological health.





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Stormwater Management Installation of a state-of-theart system to capture and treat stormwater from the new dock, protecting the Salish Sea from potential pollutants.







3 CONNECT EVERYWHERE

Third, connect to places everywhere, efficiently

Rail Integration With a \$17.9 million federal grant to reconnect BST to the BNSF mainline, Port of Bellingham will facilitate efficient ship-to-rail cargo transfers and expanding access to over 32,500 miles of track across North America. Using rail will cut carbon and truck traffic.





2026





3 CONNECT EVERYWHERE

Barge Operations Development of a portable barge ramp to accommodate the increasing demand for West Coast and cross-Salish Sea cargo transportation, offering a cost-effective and environmentally-friendly alternative to truck and rail.











Fourth, bring waterfront jobs and economic benefits to everyone in Whatcom County.

Job Creation The modernization project is expected to generate construction and consulting jobs during its execution and support long-term family-wage positions in sectors like longshore, shipyard, freight forwarding, & trucking.

2026 projections show BST bringing in \$1m in wages and 1200 shifts for dockworkers, and \$2.5m in fees to the Port.













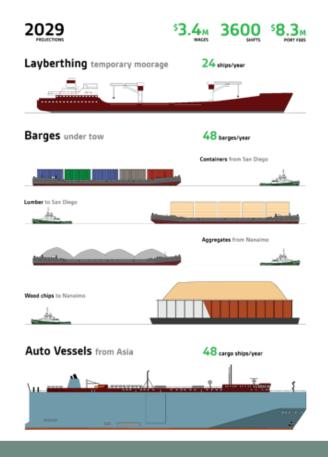


2027 projections show BST bringing in \$1.8m in wages and 2024 8 hour shifts for dockworkers, and \$2.5m in fees to the Port.



2028 projections show BST bringing in \$2.6m in wages and 2880 8 hour shifts for dockworkers, and \$6.4m in fees to the Port.

2026



2029 projections show BST bringing in \$3.4m in wages and 3600 8 hour shifts for dockworkers, and \$8.3m in fees to the Port.

These figures don't even include income and shifts from other cargo related workers or community benefit multipliers.

Regional Benefits Enhancing BST's capabilities aims to position it as a viable alternative to congested Canadian ports, and to attract new business and stimulate economic growth in Whatcom County.















5 ENSURE CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Fifth, commit to climate resiliency initiatives both large and small on modernization project:

Contaminated Sediment Removal
Advanced Stormwater Management
Shore Power Installation
Rail Connectivity Restoration
Energy Transition Planning
Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Measures









THE PORT SERVES THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING