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**PORT WELCOMES PUBLIC INPUT ON COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME UPDATE:
*Visit website for meeting schedule and documents***

Longview, WA- The Port of Longview is updating its Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (Comprehensive Scheme), a planning document that lays out opportunities for future Port investment, operation and development for the benefit of the Port district. The revised Comprehensive Scheme incorporates findings of the recently completed Port Master Plan Report adopted by the Port Commission in June 2011.

The Comprehensive Scheme, as required by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 53.20.010, includes an inventory of assets, proposed uses of the assets, an implementation plan depicted in the form of District Maps, a 2012 Capital Investment Plan, and a list of potential future Port projects.

“The Port of Longview is comprised of a series of projects and investment decisions that have provided economic benefits to our community for nearly a century,” said Executive Director Ken O’Hollaren. “This is a great opportunity for the community to share ideas and participate in the planning process first hand.”

There will be several opportunities for public input throughout the Comprehensive Scheme planning process, beginning with the first meeting scheduled for November 18th. A full schedule of meetings, planning documents for comment and directions on how to submit comments can all be found at <http://www.portoflongview.com/AboutThePort/ComprehensiveScheme.aspx>

Questions related to the Comprehensive Scheme process may be directed to Lisa Hendriksen, Environmental Manager, at 360-425-3305 or lhendriksen@portoflongview.com.

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About the Port of Longview

The Port of Longview is the first full-service operating port with strategic transportation connections on the deep-draft Columbia River shipping channel in southwest Washington State. The Port is located just 66 river miles from the Pacific Ocean, 120 driving miles from Seattle, Washington, and 40 driving miles from Portland, Oregon. Port facilities include eight marine terminals and waterfront industrial property with direct connections to main-line rail and interstate highway. Cargo handling specialties include all types of bulk cargos and breakbulk commodities such as steel, lumber, logs, pulp, paper, project and heavy-lift cargo.