

## Terminal 2 Rehabilitation - East Pier

U.S. Department of Transportation – Maritime Administration

Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Opportunity Number: MA-PID-21-001

## Appendix B

Port of Port Angeles Resolution 21-1239 – Committing Matching Funds
 Letter of Commitment from Black Ball

## Port of Port Angeles

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Port Angeles, Washington

## Commissioner's Resolution No. 21-1239

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES WASHINGTON, COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL MARITIME ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE TERMINAL 2 EAST PIER REHABILITATION.

WHEREAS, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) of the U.S. Department of Transportation administers the Port Infrastructure Development Program, which makes grant funds available for projects that will improve safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Port Angeles (Port) has the ability and opportunity to redevelop the Terminal 2 East Pier with the assistance of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Black Ball Ferry Line leases Terminal 2 from the Port for their ferry operation between Port Angeles, WA and Victoria, BC; and

WHEREAS, the ferry operated by Black Ball Ferry Line is an economically critical service in the region which has been forced to curtail its operations due to COVID-19 restrictions in both Canada and the United States over the last 16-months; and

**WHEREAS**, this shutdown of the ferry service reduced Black Ball Ferry Line's ability to invest and improve the ferry terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, this potential federal and Port funding will support the continued operations of this important facility; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Angeles matching portion of the potential MARAD funding is \$1,860,000 or 31% of the total project cost and will be detailed in the 2022 Capital Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Port Angeles finds that an application should be submitted for consideration by MARAD, and that such submission will promote the movement of goods in the region.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles Washington, as follows:

- 1. That the Executive Director, is hereby authorized to submit an application to the MARAD, for and on behalf of the Port of Port Angeles for MARAD funding in the approximate amount of \$4,140,000 for the restoration and development of the Terminal 2 East Pier; and
- That the Executive Director is hereby further authorized to provide such additional information as may be necessary to secure approval of such application; and





July 26, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590-7202

Subject: Letter of Commitment, Terminal 2 – East Pier Modernization

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Black Ball Ferry Line (Black Ball), is excited to take part in a public-private partnership with the Port of Port Angeles (Port) in its application to the 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

A 2019 economic study detailed that the Black Ball Ferry Line directly employs 91 people with generous family wage jobs, supports nearly 1000 jobs in our rural area, and has a financial impact of over \$60 million annually in our community. The MV COHO sailing between Victoria and Port Angeles is one of the Olympic Peninsula's iconic images.

In 2013, Black Ball signed a 30-year lease agreement with the Port of Port Angeles that required we modernize the western pier at Terminal 2. This project was completed by Black Ball at a cost of \$4.5 million. Clearly, we are committed to the long-term viability and improvements of the Terminal 2 Ferry Dock. The Black Ball Ferry Line is an economically critical service in the region, which has been forced to curtail operations due to COVID-19 restrictions in both Canada and Washington State over the last 16-months. With the recent success of vaccination programs in both the United States and Canada, we are positive that ferry service will restart soon.

With PIDP funding and the Port's funding assistance we will modernize the East Pier and install a screening facility for commercial goods. The infrastructure investments proposed by this public-private partnership of the Port and Black Ball will improve the safety, state of good repair and economic competitiveness of moving goods through the ferry terminal. The importance of Black Ball's success extends through our entire region. The service is a conduit for west coast supply chains for the U.S. and Canada.

If this project is awarded funding under the PIDP, Black Ball guarantees the availability of the staff and resources necessary to complete the activities described in the application.

Black Ball is exceptionally well qualified to help lead the proposed activities with the Port of Port Angeles. Black Ball has vast experience executing capital improvement projects and efficient ferry terminal operations.

For the above reasons and more, I urge you to fund the East Pier Project. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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