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Port of Olympia Citizens Advisory Committee (POCAC) Briefing Economic Development Subcommittee 2025 Work Plan

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2025 Work Plan

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1. Develop Charter for Subcommittee.
2. Investigate opportunities to diversify Marine Terminal operations.
3. Explore potential for passenger ferry service.
4. Research opportunities to increase the community and economic value of the Olympia Regional Airport.
5. Review past POCAC reports for alignment with Commission priorities, and update when valuable to do so.

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Work Plan Item #1

Develop a Charter for the Subcommittee

- Helps clarify focus and decision-making practices for subcommittee.
- Identifies purpose and objectives.
- Articulates Authority and Scope.
- Communicates potential need for resources.

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Work Plan Item #2

Investigate Opportunities to Diversify Marine Terminal Operations

Vision 2050 Alignment:

- Goal #1
 - Preserve and enhance Thurston County's working waterfront and connection to global trade by diversifying Marine Terminal operations, improving communication, and securing community support

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Work Plan Item #3

Explore Potential for Passenger Ferry Service

Vision 2050 Alignment:

- Goal #5
 - Explore the potential for the Port to serve as a cruise ship destination and regional commuter node.
- Action Items:
 - #26: Continue to track State-led ferry service studies and evaluate the feasibility of the Port's potential role as the southernmost passenger terminal in South Puget Sound.
 - #27: Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a "Mosquito Fleet" water taxi system that provides limited-scale transportation service for commuters throughout South Puget Sound south of Tacoma.

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Work Plan Item #4

Research Opportunities to Increase the Community and Economic Value of the Olympia Regional Airport

Vision 2050 Alignment:

- Goal #6
 - Maximize the economic and community value of the Olympia Regional Airport in accordance with FAA Master Plan regulations.

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Work Plan Item #5

Review Past POCAC Reports for Alignment with Commission Priorities, and Update when Valuable to do so

- Example of POCAC reports that could be updated:
 - 2019 EV Charger Report
 - 2019 Community Solar Report
 - 2019 Shore Power Report

Vision 2050 Alignment:

- Goal #7
 - Emphasize sustainability in all planning and actions and provide regular updates to the community.
- Goal #4
 - Leverage the Port's unique statutory authority to catalyze economic opportunities in partnership with local jurisdictions and economic development organizations.

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Questions and Comments

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