



PUBLIC MEETING

STATUS OF THE TIDEFLATS EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM STUDY

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Monday, January 12, 2015 5:00 p.m. Fabulich Center
3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA 1st Floor

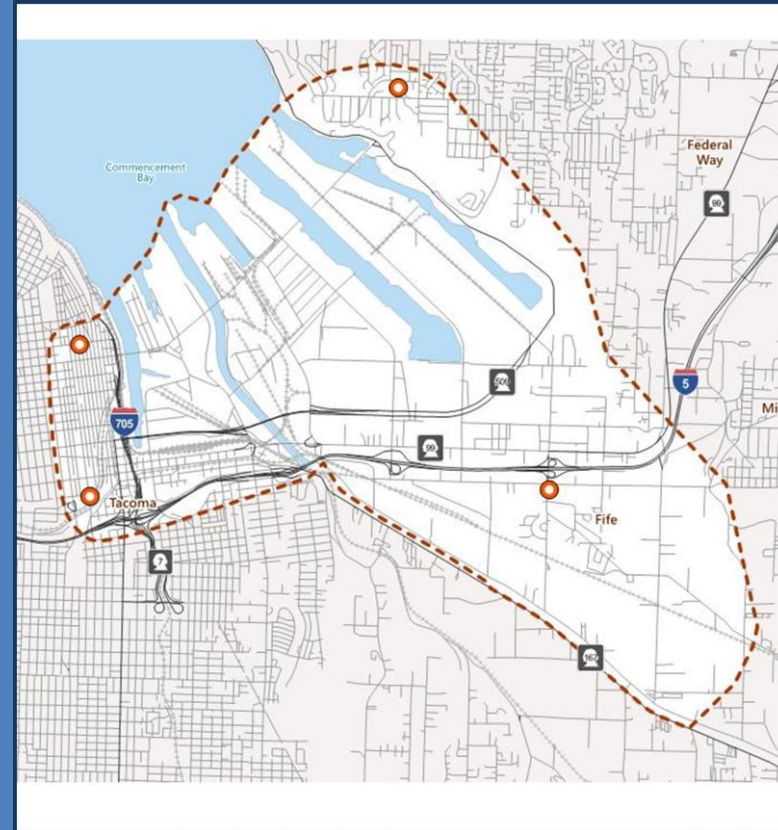
WHAT IS THE TIDEFLATS EMERGENCY RESPONSE (ER) AND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) STUDY?

The study is assessing the emergency response capabilities within the Tideflats area and the potential applications of Intelligent Transportation System technology. It is intended to serve as a supplement to the Port of Tacoma's Tideflats Area Transportation Study (2011), the Port of Tacoma Land Use and Transportation Plan (2014), [the City of Tacoma Comprehensive Plan's Container Port Element \(2014\)](#), and the City's ongoing update to the Transportation Master Plan. The Tideflats ER/ITS Study is part of a coordinated effort between a number of stakeholders.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES FROM THE STUDY?

The study will recommend actions to improve emergency response capacity and transportation operations. The recommendations may include additional emergency response facilities or modifications to current operating procedures. Additional recommendations will include an ITS Strategic Plan and transportation infrastructure improvements to improve both emergency response and traffic operations. The project team, in coordination with the participating stakeholders will prioritize the recommendations and identify funding strategies.

ER/ITS Study Area



Why the Tideflats Area?

- Acts as the industrial hub of the City of Tacoma
- Port Strategic Plan calls for doubling container volumes and dry bulk throughput
- Increase in automobile import volume by 20%
- Future Tideflats area land uses involve additional risk
- Recent and proposed street vacations have impacted emergency response
- Recent closures of Fire Stations within the Tideflats have impacted emergency response capabilities
- Impacts to travel patterns due to closure of E 11th Street Viaduct
- Increasing congestion along SR509, Port of Tacoma Road and other Tideflats area arterials

Participating Stakeholders

- City of Tacoma (Planning, Public Works, Fire, Police, Rail)
- Port of Tacoma
- City of Fife
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Puget Sound Energy
- Puyallup Tribe
- US Oil
- Targa Sound Terminal
- Totem Ocean Trailer Express

Additional information

Additional information associated with the study is available at the Planning and Development Services Department, 747 Market Street, Room 345; and on www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning - "[Emergency Response/Intelligent Transportation System](#)") If you have additional questions or comments please feel free to contact Shirley Schultz at (253) 591-5121 or shirley.schultz@cityoftacoma.org

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