

Our Panel



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Our Agenda

- Let's play the Real Estate Lingo Game!
- The Current State of the Real Estate Market
- Why do ports do Real Estate?
- Rules of the (Real Estate) Road
- * 10:00 AM Break *
- The Stages of Real Estate Development
- The Politics of Real Estate (with roleplay exercise)
- The Mechanics of Operating your Real Estate Portfolio
- Wrap up, and QUESTIONS and ANSWERS



What You Will Take Away

You should understand:

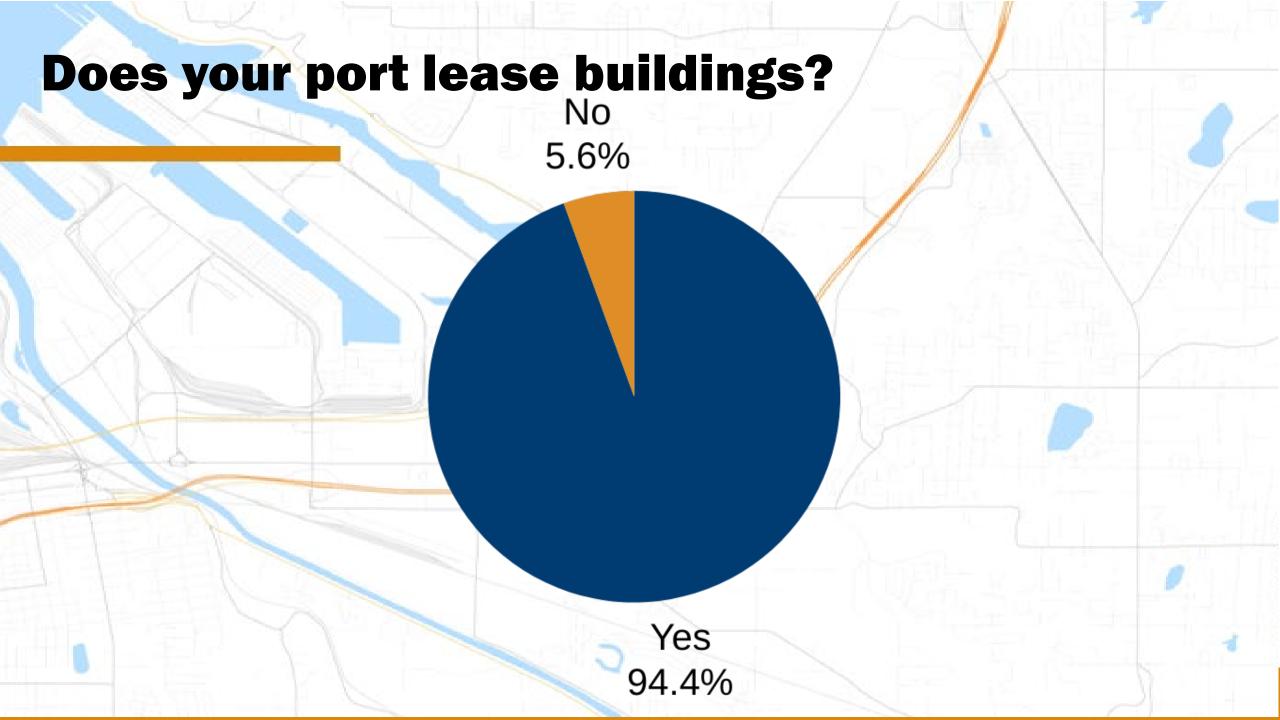
WHY your port might want to do work in real estate.
HOW those real estate activities might meet your objectives.
WHAT the challenges are when doing real estate work.
WHO can help you navigate the challenges you will face.

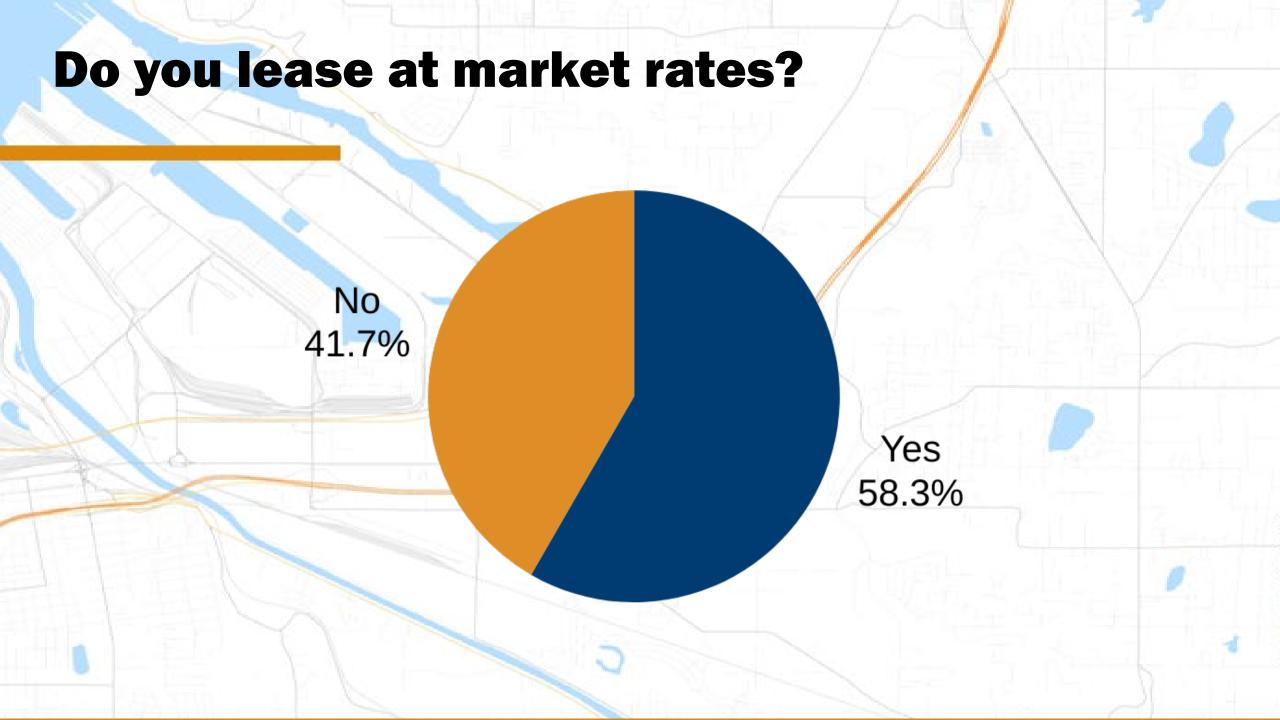


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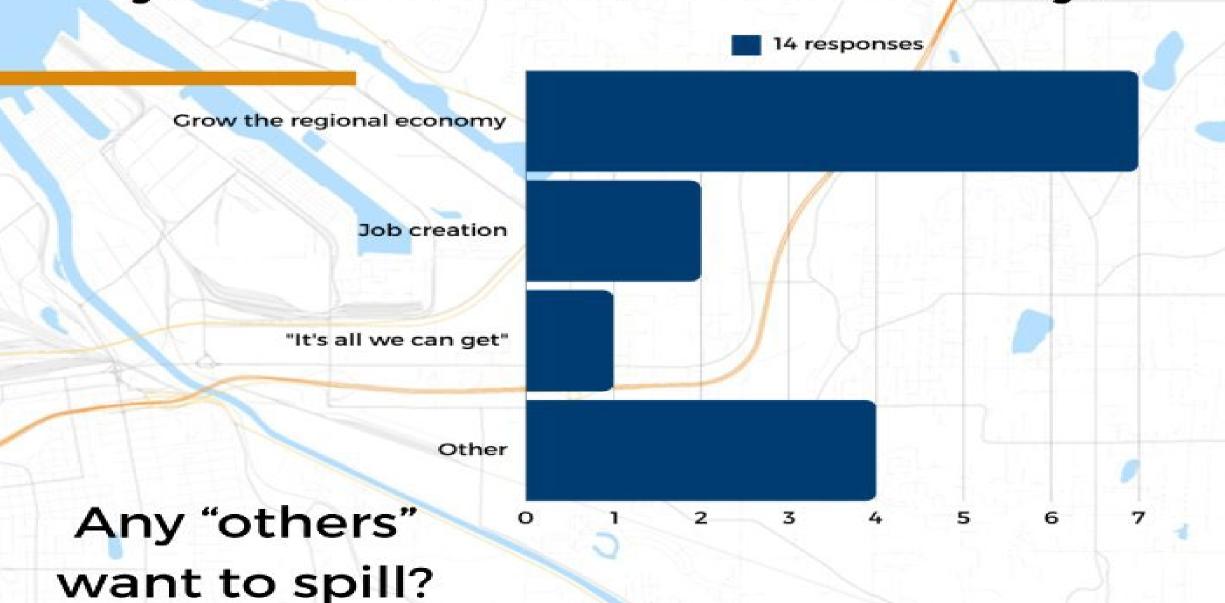
Does your port lease land?

36 port respondents gave us intel into how they think about real estate

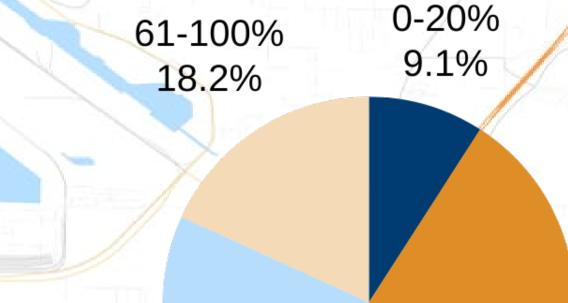


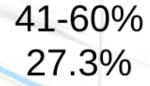


If you lease below market, why?



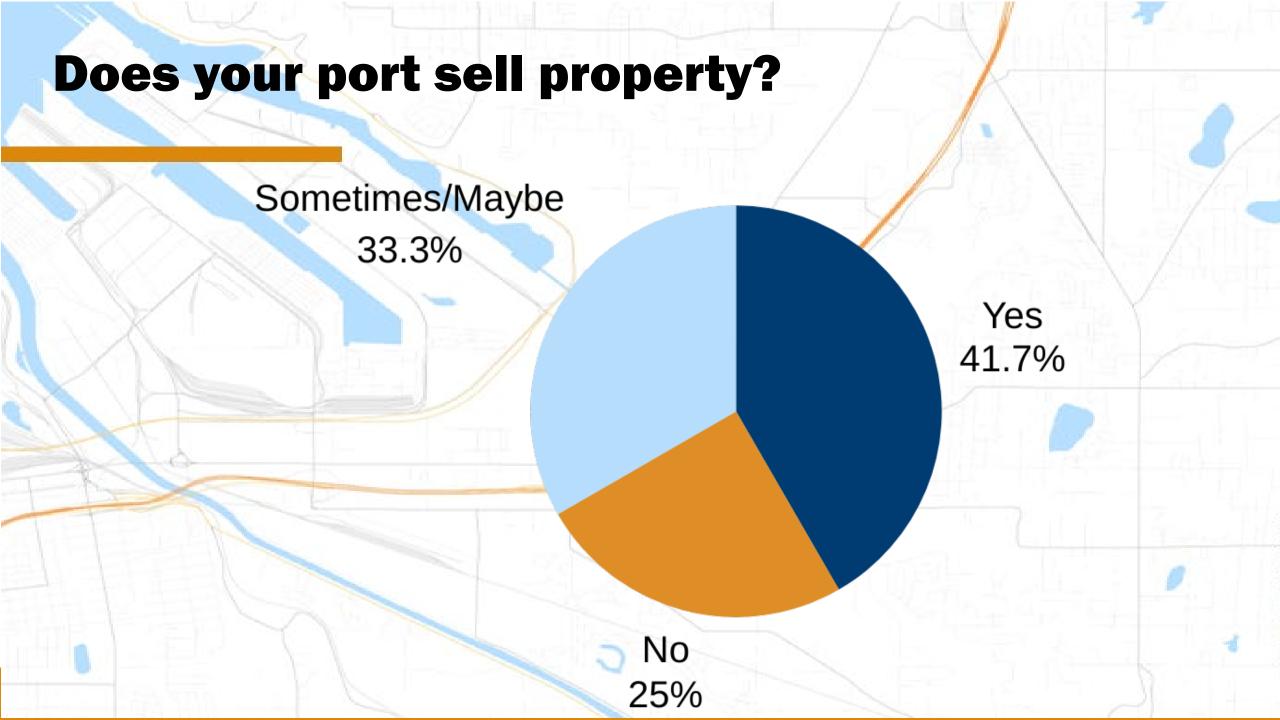
What percentage of your ports overall earned income comes from real estate? 61-100% 0-20%

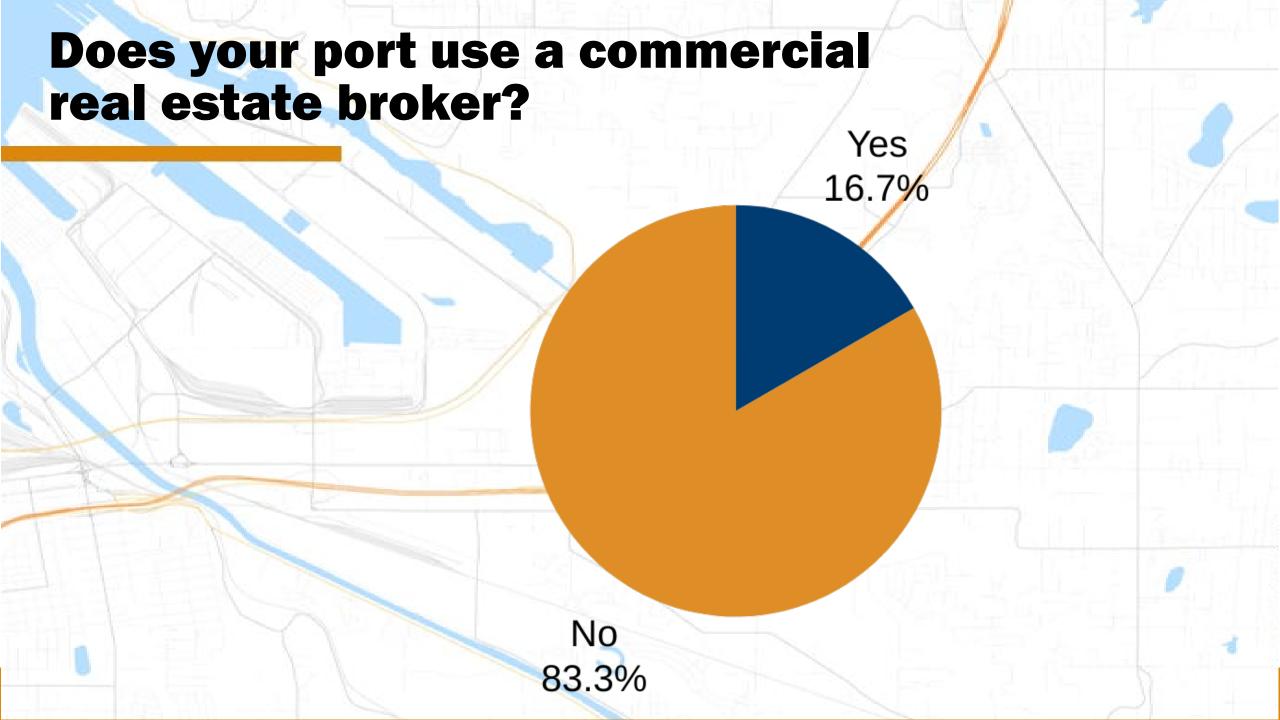




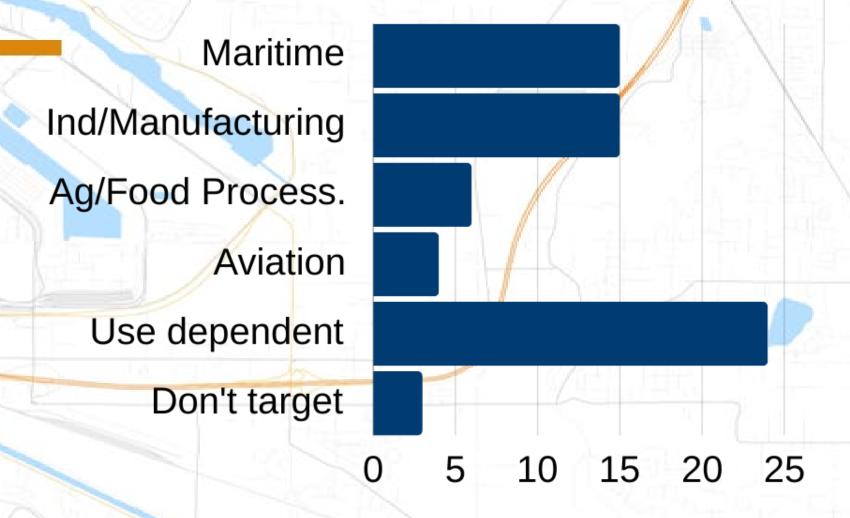
21-40% 45.5%

What percentage of your ports real estate portfolio is zoned industrial? 0-25% 8.3% 26-50% 8.3% 51-75% 16.7% 76-100% 66.7%

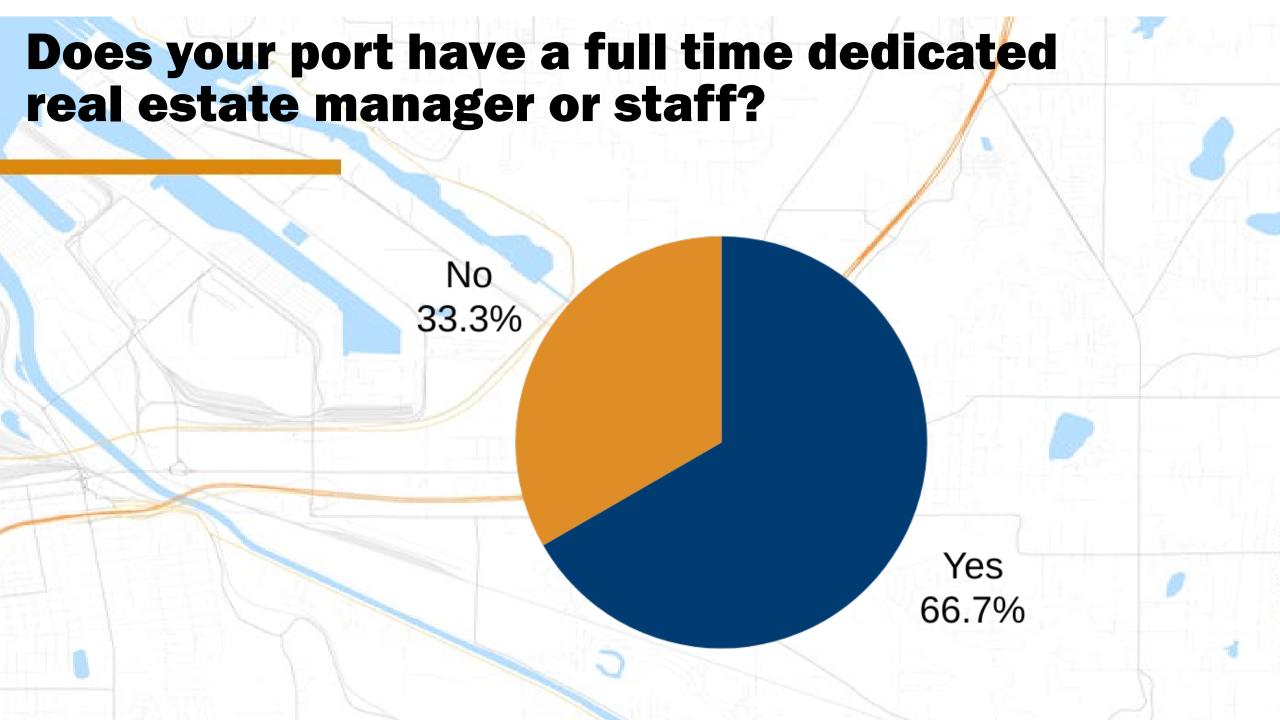


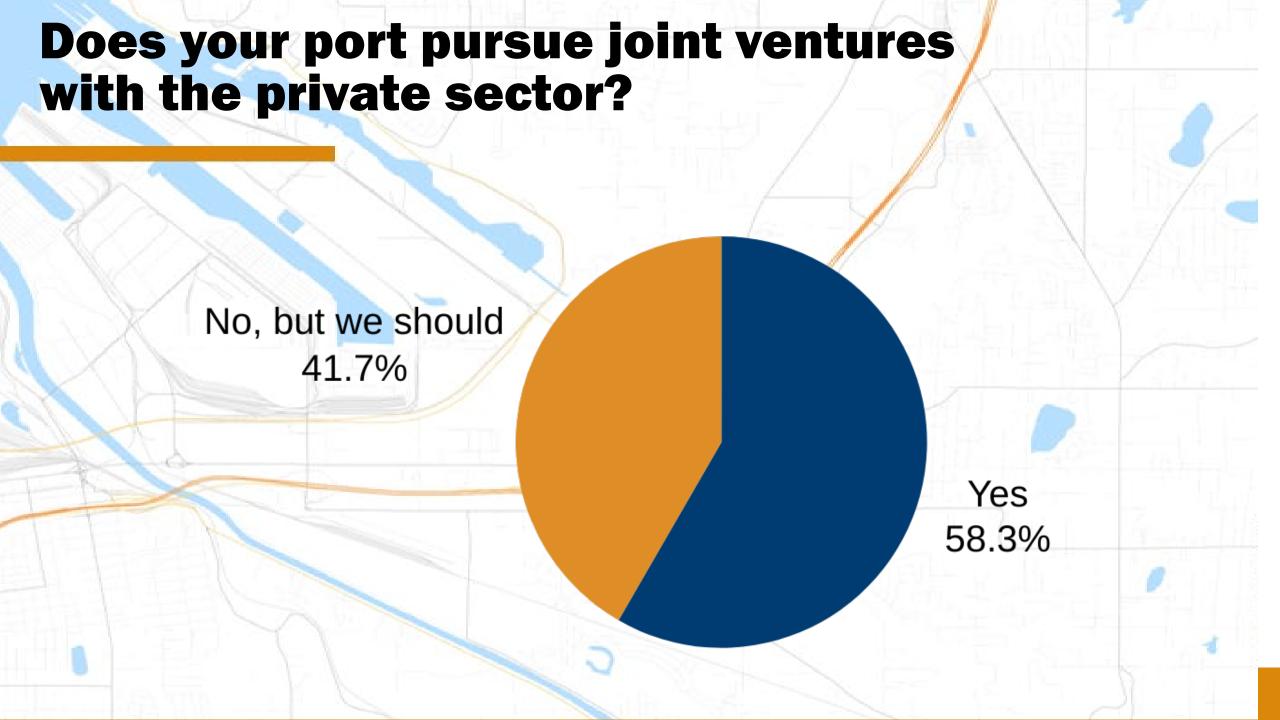


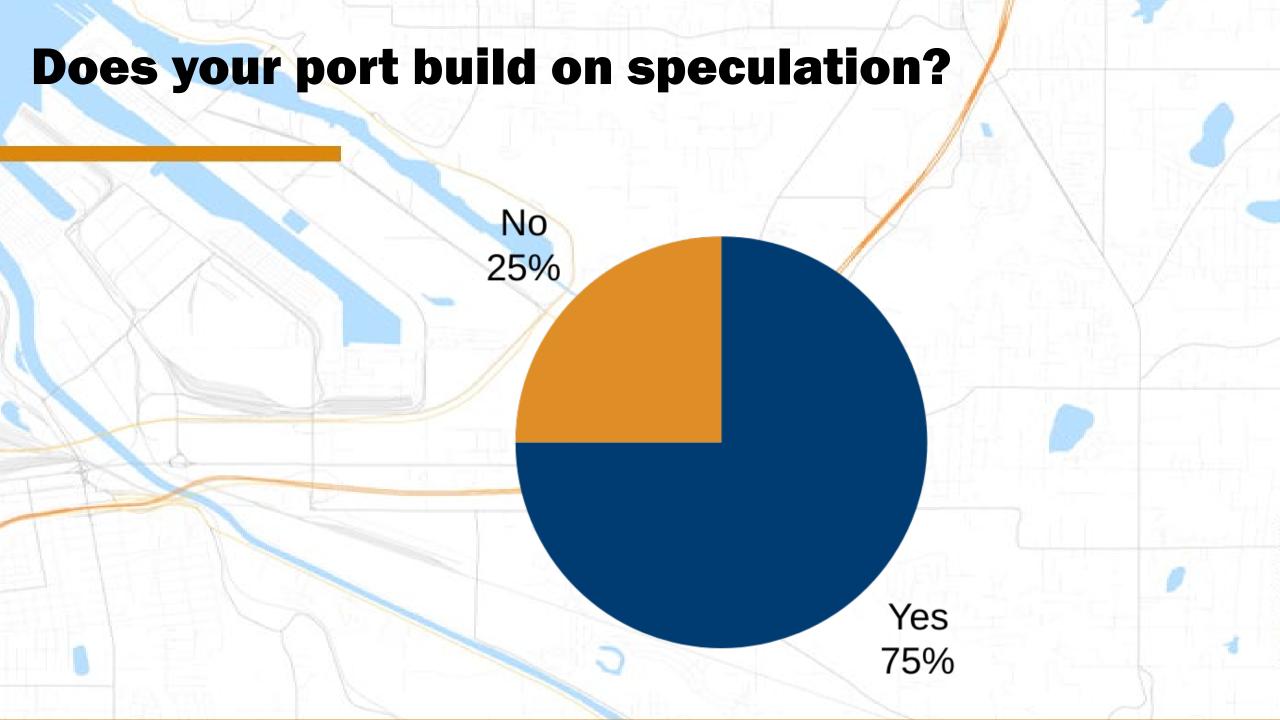
What types of tenants do you target?



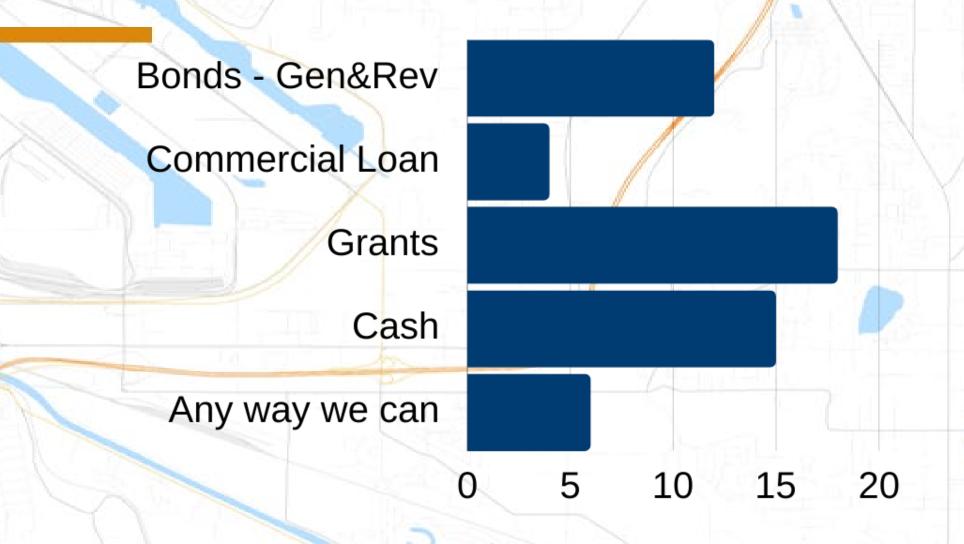
others: tech, cluster-driven, incubator, warehouse/dist.







How do you fund real estate acquisition or construction?



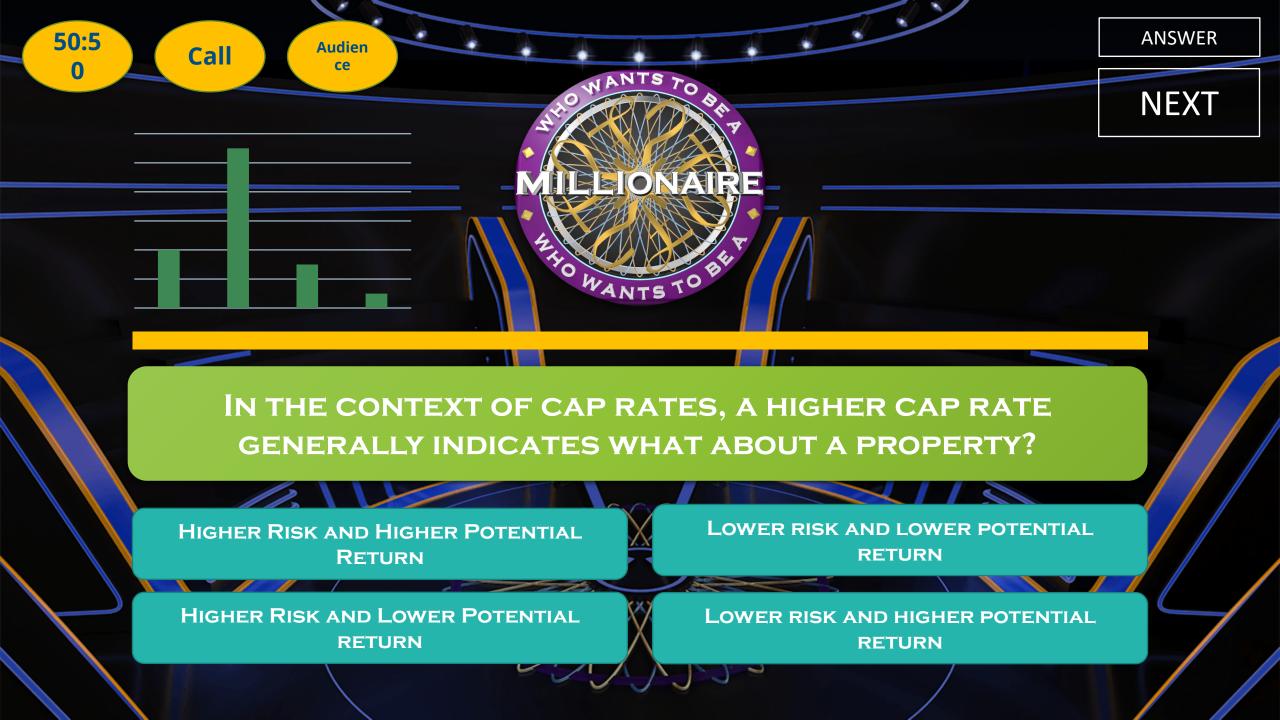
specifically: CERB, .09, reserves, proceeds from land sale

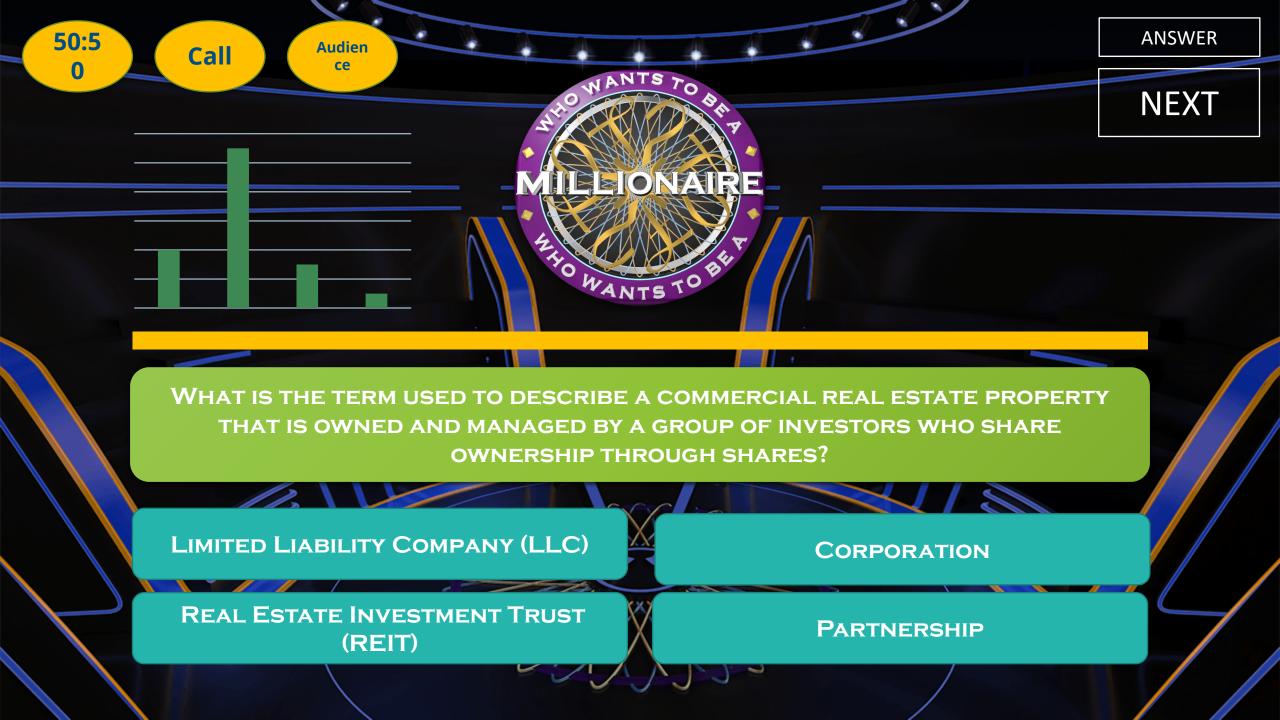
Real Estate 101





























The Current State of the Real Estate Market

Marked negative absorption to begin the year; Available options remain tight for many users

4.1%

▲ 7.5%

▼ (1.0M)

▲ 2.9M SF Under Construction ▲ 156K

FIGURE 1: Net Absorption, Construction, and Vacancy

SF Delivered YTD

Overall Vacancy

SF Net Absorption

Note: Arrows indicate year-over-year change

MARKET OVERVIEW

The Portland industrial market kicked off 2024 with negative 1,041,878 sq. ft. of net absorption, a sobering figure for a market that had grown accustomed to strong positive absorption in recent years. Vacancy rose 50 basis points (bps) quarter-over-quarter (QQQ), owing both to the negative absorption and the delivery of Meadowlark Industrial Center, a 155,500 speculative development in Cornelius, OR.

While the continued uptick in available spaces made industrial landlords a bit more eager to lock down deals with potential tenants in Q1, the increase did not translate to a fully comfortable environment for occupiers. Finding suitable spaces remained an uphill task for occupiers looking for most combinations of submarket, size range, and space-use needs. While an increase in overall market vacancy may prevent Class B and C product from seeing the strong rent growth of the 2020-2022 era. institutional landlords remained bullish and continued to push rental rates for new construction. Class A product in Q1.

Over half of the negative net absorption can be attributed to third-party logistics (3PLs) moving out of space. 3PLs and wholesalers saw a significant demand increase in 2021 and 2022, when consumers were spending significantly more on goods than services and supply chain constraints led occupiers to double down on warehouse space to accommodate demand spikes. As macroeconomic headwinds persist and supply chains have stabilized, 3PL and wholesalers are reconsidering their space needs, causing the overall market to shed occupancy. Still, Q1 ended with more total occupied square feet than any quarter in Portland market history before Q2 2022.

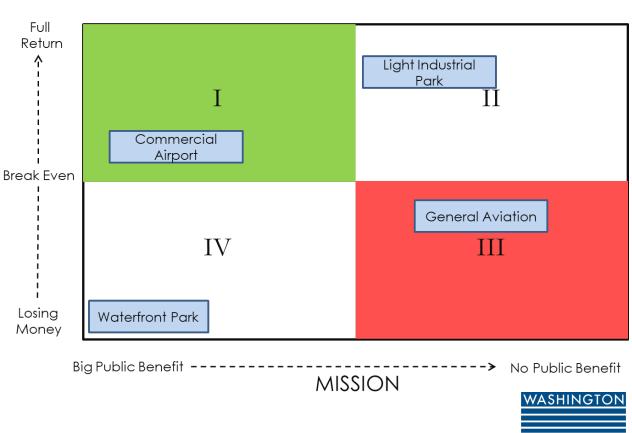




Port Real Estate Practices - RM

 "We're in the real estate business?"...

- Putting Port Real estate in Context
- Role of real estate within a port: Mission vs Margin: A Fundamental Concept





Port Real Estate Practices - RM

MISSION projects:

"meeting unmet community needs"

High community return, Low financial return

- Example: Port of Columbia, Blue Mountain Station
- Examples: Airports, golf courses, RV parks, and many but not all of our marine facilities
- Example, Port of Ridgefield, Discovery Ridge, the port took a loss so the community could have a grocery store
- Others? What are your examples?



Blue Mountain Food Station, Port of Columbia





Discovery Ridge, Port of Ridgefield





Port Real Estate Practices - RM

MARGIN projects:

"they pay for the Mission projects and pay the bills"

High Financial return, Low Community Return

Examples:

- Port of Ridgefield, land sale for car wash and oil change
- Fast food, coffee, distribution centers (maybe)
- Others? What are your examples?



Port Real Estate Practices - RM

UNICORN projects:

"they do great things for the community, AND they make money too"



High Financial return, High Community Return

Examples:

- Industrial Buildings, Industrial Parks, mixed-use developments
- Others? What are your examples?



Ridgefield Industrial Park, Port of Ridgefield





Cresline Plastic Pipe, Port of Chehalis



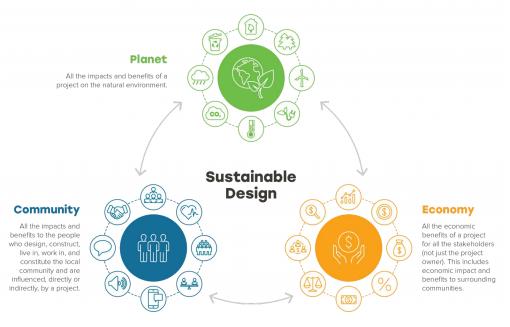


WHY are we doing this project? - RM

Questions to ask yourself:

- If the port disappeared tomorrow, would someone else do this project? What else would happen?
- Is the port bringing value to this transaction? Are we moving the needle?
- Would the public think you are being a good steward of their tax dollars? Is making projects like this happen worth the \$150/year they pay in port taxes?
- Is this project or goal consistent with your foundational documents and plans?
- What is the ROI and community impact? (TBL)
- Does your commission have different ROI policies for different types of projects? (CDRPA, POR, POC)

Triple Bottom Line





Competing with the Private Sector? - LS

- Do we have a competitive advantage? Is it "fair"?
- Refer to your lease rate policies
- Is it "really" competition? Find your niche
- Focus on partnerships with your "competition"
- EXAMPLES-
- CHEHALIS: Port Commissioner owns a business complex which is comparable to a port operated facility.
- CHEHALIS: Local nonprofit Industrial Commission is also active in the same real estate market.
- WALLA WALLA: in the past, they have had a policy to let properties be on the market for a year before buying them, so the private sector always has a chance to acquire them before the port.







Follow All The Rules! - RM

Port Acquisition of Land and Facilities

- •RCW 53.08.010 A district may acquire lands, property, leases necessary for its purposes.
- •RCW 53.08.080: A district may acquire and develop certain facilities related to Port development

Port Leasing

•RCW 53.08.080: A district may lease all lands, wharves, docks and real and personal property owned and controlled by it, for such purposes and upon such terms as the port commission deems proper.

Port Leasing Requirements

A Port lease must comply with the Port's Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements RCW 53.20.010, if Port funds are involved.

Delegation of Powers (53.12.270 Allows)

- Apparent Authority
- Secondary Delegation
- Collections and Sureties
- Sale/Leasing of Real Property
- Property Acquisition
- •Enforcing Contracts & leases





Permitting, Planning, Zoning – RM, LS

Permitting, Planning, Zoning

What uses does your city/county allow?

What does land use jurisdiction want to see? Areas for partnership?

A change of use to a more intensive one typically requires bringing old buildings up to current code

EXAMPLE: City of Chehalis code specifically allows any uses spelled out in the Port of Chehalis Comprehensive Scheme as an outright PERMITTED USE. (LS)



Comply with Statute and Keystone Documents - RM

Does the transaction comply with all port statutes and all your keystone documents (CSHI, budgets, financial guidelines)

- Is it in your CSHI? (specifics on adding and removing)
- Is it in your budget?
- Is it in your Industrial Development District?
- Did you declare it surplus?
- Do you have the debt capacity?
- (Share sale checklists)



Enviromental - RM

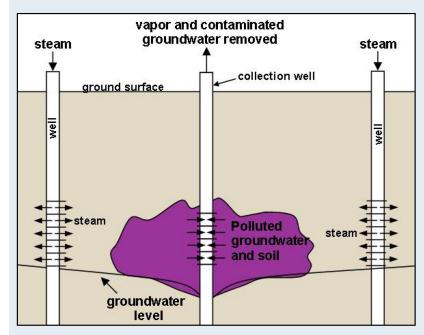
Contaminated properties: Are they an opportunity or a hazard? YES

- Plenty of grant funds exist to clean up brownfields and bring back into productive use.
- Ecology, MTCA (up to 90%)
- Commerce, Brownfield loans/grants (10%)

Did your port or your tenant cause it? Or are you an innocent party?

- Get a phase 1 first, more testing if necessary.
- ECY has Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree.
- May be able to acquire the property inexpensively, via negotiation or eminent domain. "Market value" should reflect contamination liability. Clean up with grants, the differential margin is profit/equity.

With greater risk comes greater reward.



Adapted from Environmental Protection Agency Publication 542-F-01-012



Land Management - LS

Land management- what does it mean to actively manage your property?

- Soil quality
- Meandering wetlands, invasive species
- o Beaver dams
- Ruts in field.. the outfall
- Clean you ditches....B..uddies.

Farm leases - pros and cons

Wetland credits - time and cost

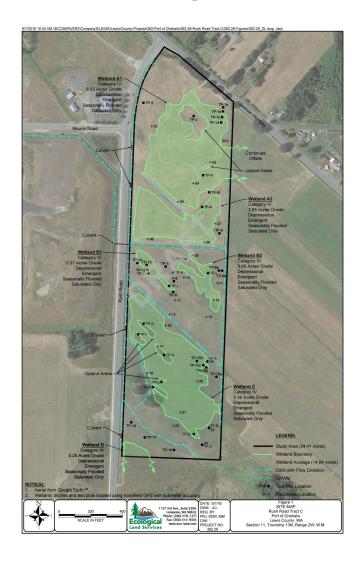




Land Management - LS



MANAGEMENT OF WETLANDS - LS



EXAMPLE:

Port of Chehalis Rush Road Industrial Site

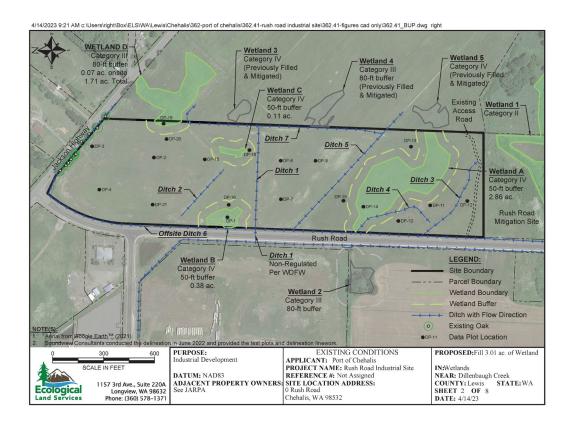
2016, before farming

Site: 34 acres

Wetlands: 14 acres



MANAGEMENT OF WETLANDS - LS



EXAMPLE:

Port of Chehalis Rush Road Industrial Site

2023, after farming

Site: 34 acres

Wetlands: 3.3 acres

Savings on mitigation: 11 acres @\$250K/AC = **\$2,750,000**



Due Diligence Checklist - JWK

Land

- Title Report
- Require Seller to complete an ESA Phase 1 environmental report. Follow up with a Phase 2 if necessary
- Critical Areas report
- Cultural Resources report
- Geotech (soils)

Buildings

- Older than 2001? Hazardous Materials Building Survey (lead, asbestos, etc)
- Building inspection
- Inventory of assets and their maintenance (roof, HVAC, etc.)
- Feasibility study for conversion to new use (discuss change of use)
- Is there any historic use of underground tanks, waste, spills, etc?



Just because it looks good on paper....







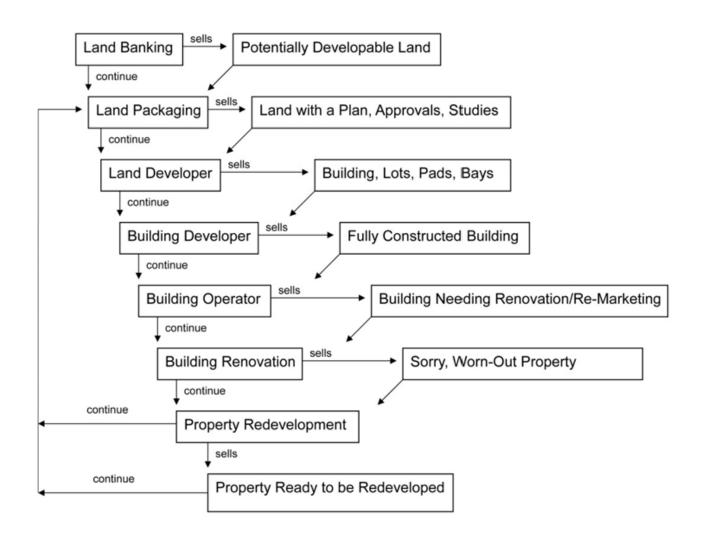




Break Time!

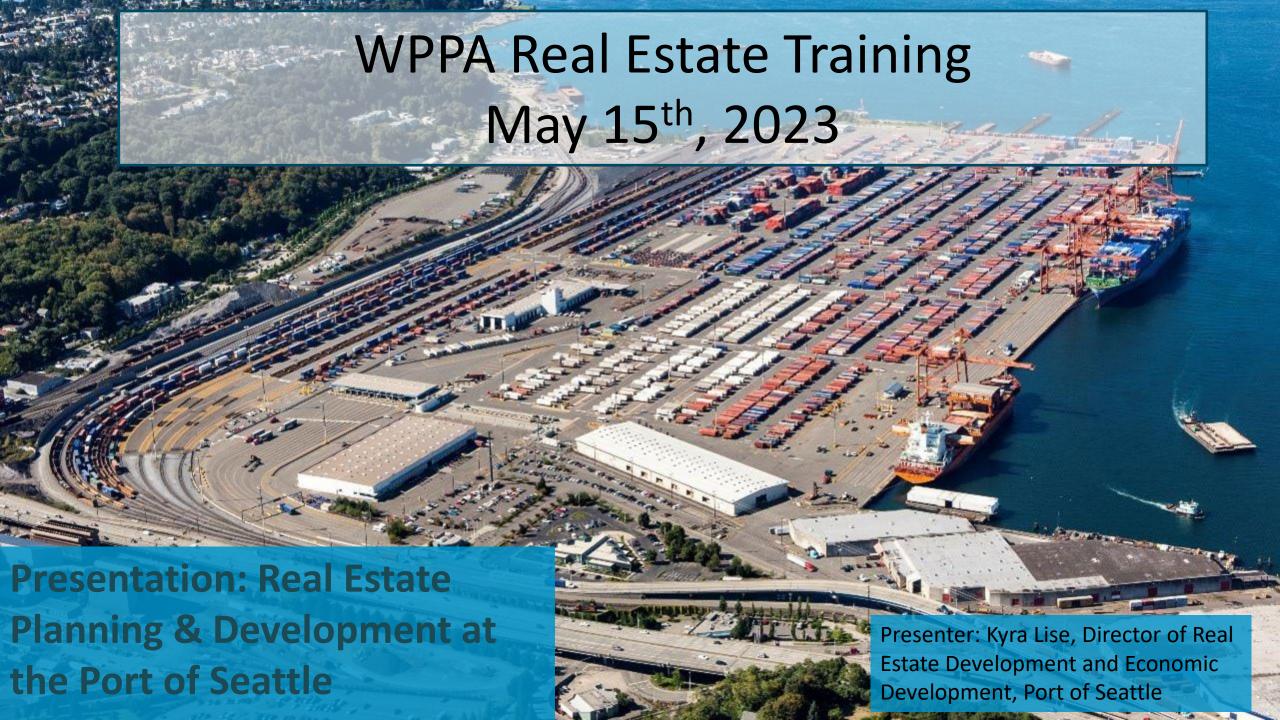


The Stages of Real Estate Development



...but what step comes before all of these? Anybody?...





Overview

- Introduction to the Port of Seattle's Real Estate Development practice
- Some current projects
- The Inventory
- Planning & Strategy
- Key Issues
- Questions

Port of Seattle's Real Estate Division

- Development Division
 - Kyra Lise, Director of Real Estate Development & Economic Development
 - Daniel Alhadeff, Manager
 - Handles development on Port property and strategic acquisitions
- Asset Management Division
 - Jennifer Maietta, Director of Real Estate, Asset Management
 - 23 staff, including property and leasing managers

Some Current Projects

- T106 Warehouse
- 700K sf spec logistics

- T91 Uplands
- 3 buildings, 120K spec development
- Maritime
 Innovation Center
- Mission investment

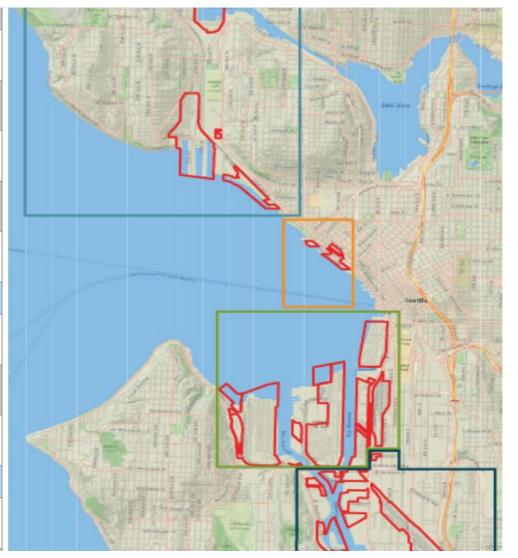






The Inventory

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Tsubota	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Terminal 91	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Terminal 91 Uplands	Data	Standard	Lightened
	Tables	Aerial	Aerial
Terminal 91 Piers 90-91	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Terminal 86 Grain Terminal	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Central Waterfront Properties			
Pier 69	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Pier 66	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Pier 66 Uplands	Data	Standard	Lightened
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South Harbor Properties			
Terminal 46	Data	Standard	Lightened
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Real Estate Planning

2016

2020

2022

2023

Port of Seattle Real Estate Strategic Plan Update
Real Estate
Strategic Plan

Northwest
Seaport Alliance
Real Estate
Strategy
Development

Aviation Division
Real Estate
Strategic Plan
Outside
Terminal
Development

Our Strategic Proposition

• "The Port of Seattle will use its real estate, capital assets and financial capabilities to accomplish the Century Agenda. These are tools to thoughtfully steward, rather than areas well-suited for specific 25-year goals."

Remain flexible – the market ultimately decides if you did it right

Leverage Real Estate to...

- Grow an international logistics hub
- Sustain fishing, cruise and other maritime industries
- Support Aviation including the growth of airport business opportunities
- Drive regional economic development opportunities
- Enhance and protect industrial lands
- Advance sustainability and energy efficiency
- Generate revenue and jobs
- Support divisional initiatives

Port Real Estate Principles

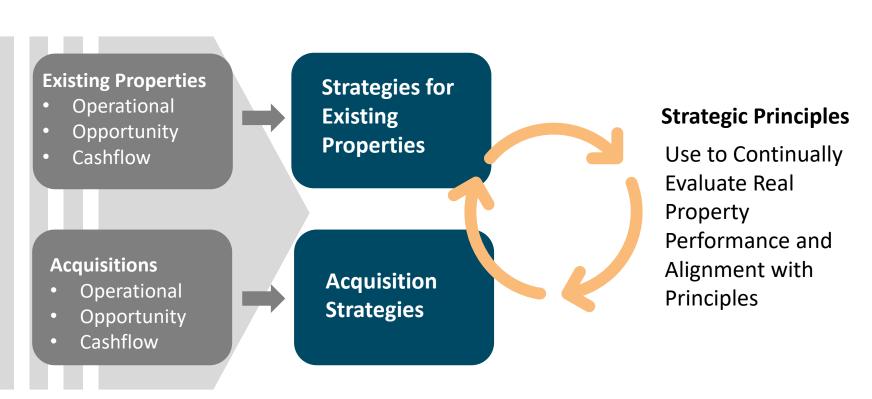
Framework

Strategic Principles

Manage for the Mission

Leverage Expertise

Partner to Amplify



Key Implementation Issues

- Port land is largely brownfield, and requires significant investment ahead of development
- Port requirements and legal status slows the development process. How do we partner with the private sector?
- Risk management; before the project produces revenue, there
 is a long holding period. Who is willing to be responsible for
 these costs and liabilities?
- Acquisitions: For specific unmet needs? For landbanking?
 How do we match the private market's speed of transaction?



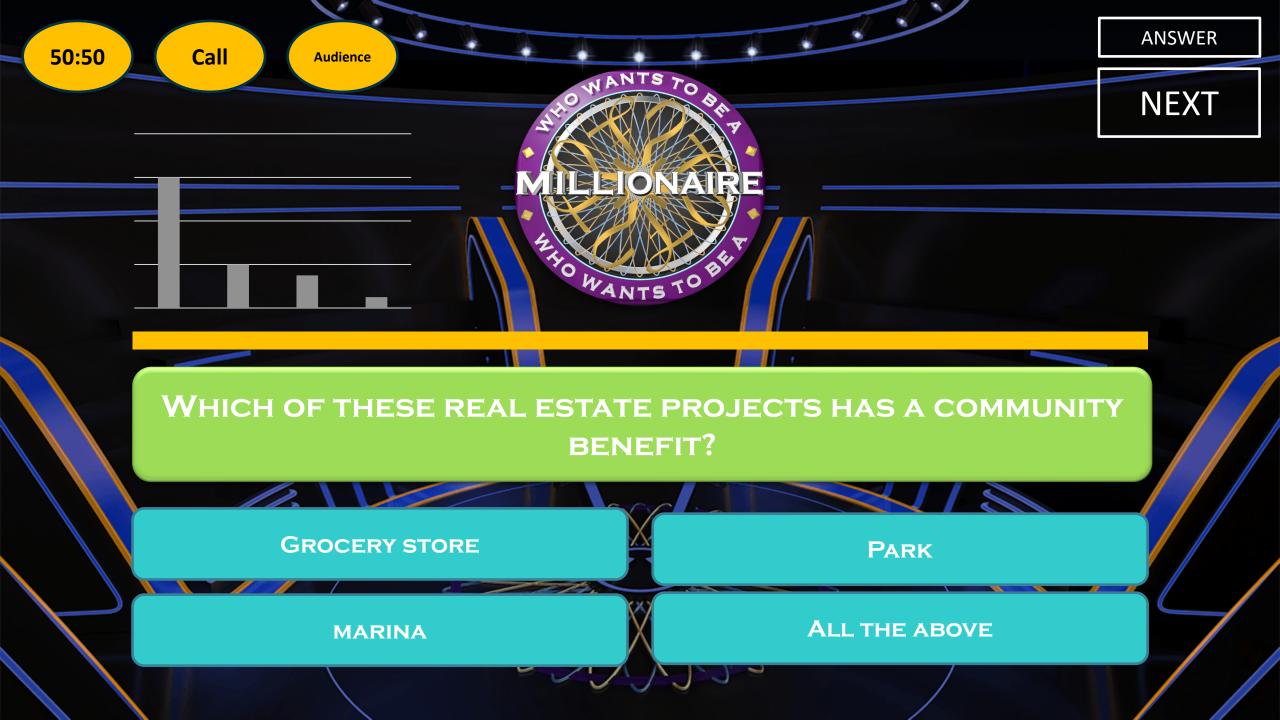
QUESTIONS?

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QUESTIONS FOR THE WHOLE PANEL:

- When can your port be competitive in your market?
- Speed? Cost? Inventory/Selection? CERTAINTY?
- What's your approach to sales? Do you use an external Broker? Is anyone at your port a licensed Broker
- What's your development approach, are you a do it yourselfer or do you need a master developer?







Role Play! I want a Unicorn Farm...





Role Play! My golfing buddy needs to extend his ground lease...





Real Estate Policy vs Management - RM

The value of your port commission is at the POLICY level:

Setting the types of tenants/uses you don't want.

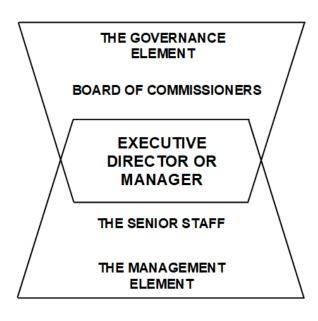
- Cannabis, warehouse distribution, petroleum, carbon-intensive, low wage.
- Or maybe you do? Others?

Setting the types of tenants/uses you **do** want.

- High wage employers.
- Medium or "living wage" employers in areas with medium/high unemployment.
- (share MIT Living Wage calculator)

Services specifically **needed** in your community.

- grocery store, tire shop, YMCA, daycare, American Legion, nonprofit art gallery
- Others?





Real Estate Policy vs Management - RM

The value of your staff is at the MANAGEMENT level:

- Does this potential tenant meet our port's criteria as established by the policies of the port commission?
- If left up to staff, is this the right type of business?
- Are we sufficiently protected? Deposits, insurance requirements.
- Do we require that the buyer do what they say they'll do? Does our agreement have teeth? Do we have the willpower to enforce these requirements?
 - Example: POR past sales (Kassab, Peace Health) vs new covenants, with "teeth". POW covenants. Spectrum of Flexibility.



Rules of the Road - RM

Bidding and contracting

New rules on rosters and contracting effective July 1st.

Tip: Tenant Improvements (TI's) are expensive and time consuming, and your tenants can get it done faster, cheaper, and without your involvement. To get more bang for your buck, your port can instead reimburse as part of a TI allowance.

Leasing vs selling

- Authority to sell vs authority to lease
- Spelled out in port policies and/or your delegation of authority resolution.
- Some ports determine leasing authority by different factors.



Underutilized Properties V. Ownership- Changing our mission - JWK







Think Outside the Box - JWK

Example- Port of Woodland's Centennial and Schurman Way Industrial Owner's Associations (OA)

- Created the OA for each park- nonprofit
- Create the tax lots via survey- City/County
- Identified all shared assets and shared expenses of the OA
- Created the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR's) for OA
- Create Bylaws of OA

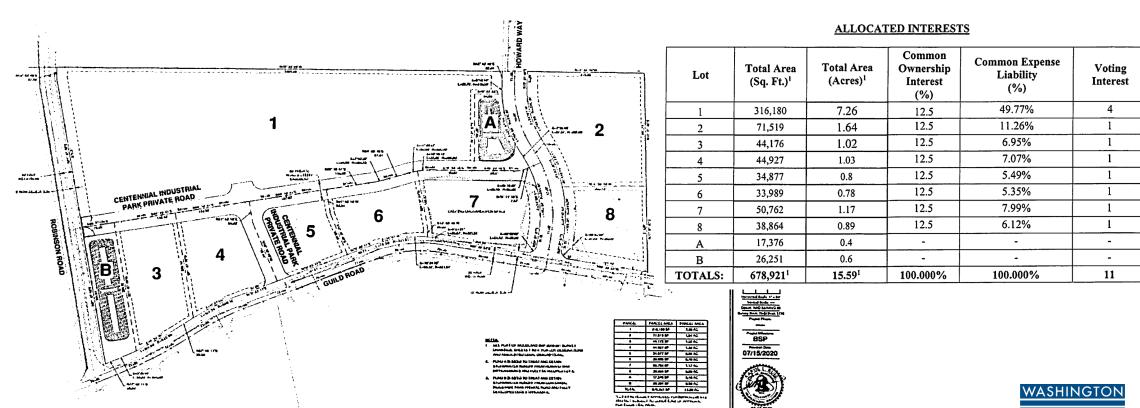
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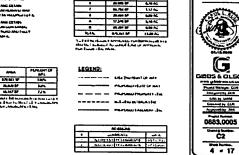
- Held Annual Meeting
- Elected Board members
- Established Budget and dues
- Anchored at the Port but separate operations and finance



What Does an OA Look Like? - JWK

Proposed ROW & Lot Layout







Why Create an Owner's Assocation? JWK

- ➤ Create the Rules for property sales- jobs per acre, type of industry, etc.
- ➤ Create the Rules for property appeal- landscaping, design, concerns
- >Allow for conditions such as first right of refusal or purchase
- ➤ Allow for shared asset management- roads, landscaping, snow removal, capital projects, stormwater, etc.
- >Allows for the Port to maintain a sense of ownership/partnership



Run it like you love it! JWK

Build an asset bank:

- 1. Develop a mission and vision to support real estate
- 2. Create a portfolio that supports the Port (buildings, land, business lines)
- 3. Maintain the portfolio (staffing, maintenance, budget)
- 4. Prepare for capital investments and maintenance

Illustrates:

- 1. Effective management
- 2. Allows for leveraging of resources
- 3. Develops good community capital











File Downloads

Here is a link to the files mentioned today, for download:





Wrap-Up - RM

Group share:

- •What do you want to do at your Port based on this presentation?
- •What's working and what would you like to explore changing?
- Question and Answer Period



Thank you & Goodbye!

