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## **PORT OF TACOMA ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING**

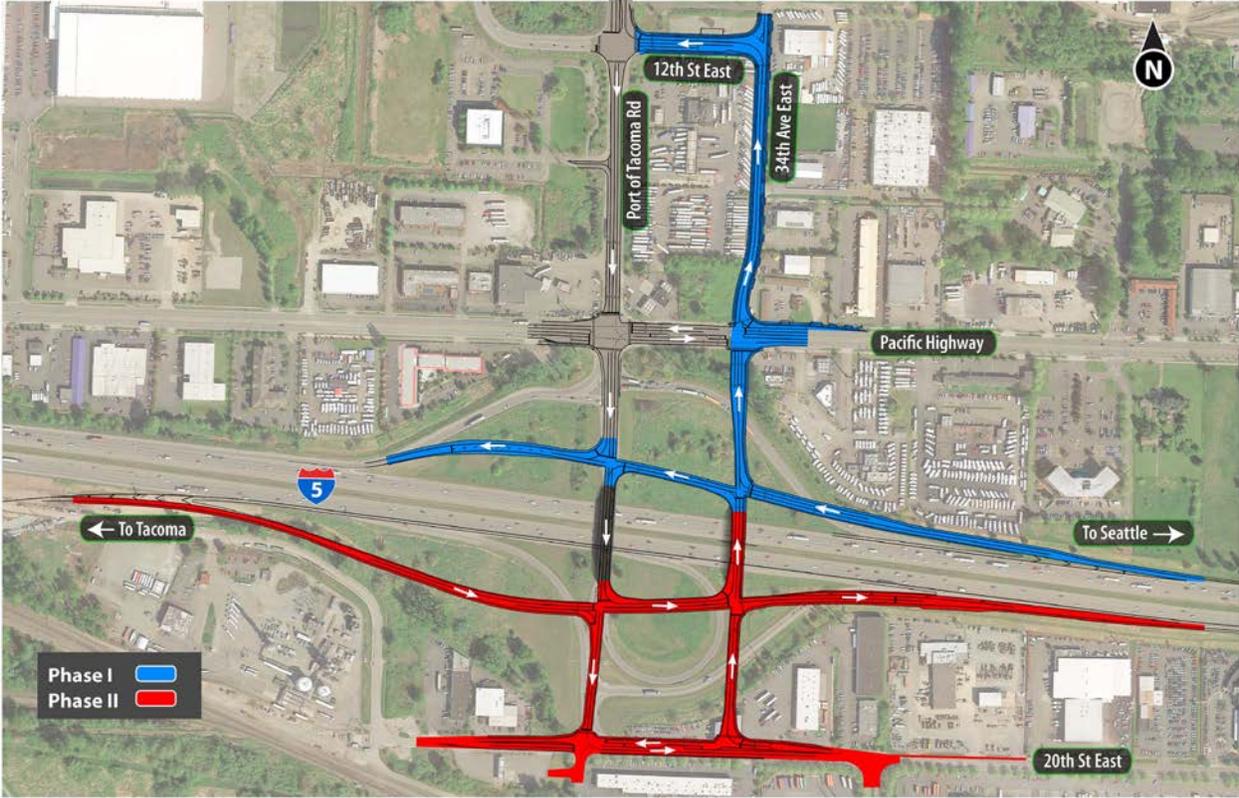
**Fife, WA** – The City of Fife will celebrate the groundbreaking of the Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project, Phase One at the Fabulich Center (3600 Port of Tacoma Road) at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Speakers will include Governor Jay Inslee, Senator Hans Zeiger, Representative Jake Fey, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, Port Commissioner Don Meyer, representatives from the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Transportation Improvement Board, Fife Mayor Kim Roscoe and Councilmember Pat Hulcey.

The groundbreaking of this project is the culmination of decades of design, wetland mitigation, funding requests and collaboration, said Fife Mayor Kim Roscoe. “This project is a key step forward in solving our transportation issues in this region, and sets the stage for the future of Fife,” Mayor Roscoe said.

The Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project marks an investment of \$42.5 million and the collaborative effort between Federal, State (FHWA, WSDOT, FMSIB, TIB), Tribal and local governments. Mayor Roscoe says the scope, scale and government to government collaboration demonstrates the need for this project to be completed. “This interchange serves as a critical access point into and out of the Port of Tacoma, acting as a conduit for state and international trade,” she said.

This project will provide road, intersection and interchange improvements by reconfiguring the existing interchange to a split diamond with one-way couplet. The Port of Tacoma Road and its existing bridge over I-5 will be converted to one-way southbound traffic while the parallel 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and its new bridge over I-5 (Phase Two) will be made one-way northbound (See attached graphic).

At the completion of the project, access to the Port of Tacoma, safety and the operation of I-5 mainline will be improved. The design work for Phase 2 has begun and funding is currently being sought.





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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY  
JULY 18, 2018**

Please join us for the

**PORT OF TACOMA ROAD  
INTERCHANGE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Groundbreaking celebration,  
hosted by the City of Fife with  
Governor Jay Inslee.

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

**2:30 p.m.**

Fabulich Center  
3600 Port of Tacoma Road  
Fife, WA 98424



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