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Ron & Bob: You'll recall that I mentioned the Commission was scheduling a briefing on the Viaduct and north-end issues March 10. After discussing the matter, I would like to invite you to attend and present your current thinking on the north portal and freight connections at the briefing, which will be at **2 p.m. at the Nordic Heritage Center, 3014 NW 67th Street in Ballard.**

I was impressed with the work you've done so far, and the willingness to reach out to the stakeholders that we discussed at our meeting last week.

As to format, the Commission is now doing round-table discussions among a panel of stakeholders each month on specific topics. March 10 will include a Fishermen's Terminal round-table at 1 p.m., to be followed the Viaduct discussion at 2 p.m.

The Commission would like to frame the Viaduct discussion in terms of the importance of freight mobility and north-end access and connectivity for the Ballard, Interbay and Duwamish industrial areas.

I am asking you to make a presentation of about 15 minutes total about those topics, after I make a short introduction to the issue. I think the materials you're displaying at the open houses is excellent. Your presentation would be followed by the panel discussion, and public testimony. The two questions the panel will address are:

- 1) What must the bored tunnel option or any Viaduct replacement option do (for your business)?
- 2) What actions should the Port take to ensure that the interests of your business and of the Port are protected, including ensuring adequate capacity for today and the future; ensuring access to Port facilities; protecting the maritime economy; improving the environment; and minimizing construction disruption?

Here are the names of the panelists (in alphabetical order):

- Warren Aakervik, President of Ballard Oil Co.
- Kim Suelzle, President/COO of CityIce Cold Storage
- Bob Donegan, President of Ivar's, Inc.
- Bill Sharp, Vice President of Fleet Operations, Security and Logistics, Holland America Line.
- John Odland, Vice President of MacMillan-Piper, Inc.

Please let me know if you can attend. I think it will be a good opportunity to continue the dialogue with the Port.

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