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FYI - if you have not seen this - it was out and circulating Friday afternoon.

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Rob, Charles, Bob, Jon and Bill:

It would be helpful if you can assist me in getting 15 or more business leaders to come down Tuesday for this major announcement. Let Charles know who you enlist. I suggest we not get too detailed on "does it have everything my group wants" as a pre-condition for showing up to support the Governor, Mayor and Executive, as this is just the start of the next phase, and we have more work to do. If we do not pull this off, we are off to Elevated or Gridlock outcome, which is not ideal for all. Feel free to forward my email below. I have discussed this major step forward with Liz and DeLee, who are very supportive.

I am hopeful all those copied on this email will be in attendance, thank all of you for your respective important roles in getting us to this point, and thank you in advance for your work to come in making this a reality.

Tayloe

Ron Judd from the Governor's Office and I talked this morning, and he indicated that there will be a major announcement of the Governor, Executive Sims and Mayor Nickels at Bell Harbor on Tuesday, Jan 13 at 8:30 AM related to the replacement of the Viaduct. He asked me to invite business leaders to join the three chief executives at this historic announcement.

As reported in the media, it is likely that the Governor will announce the consensus of the three Executive in recommending to the state legislature that the state proceed with removal of the Viaduct and construction of a bored tunnel, along with reopening of the Seattle waterfront and its reconnection with downtown Seattle. The funding package to pay for all associated costs will also be outlined. As I understand it, Tay

Yoshitani will be there on behalf of the Port, along with top officials of the City and King County to speak, along with the Governor, on the funding issue and overall package. All these elected and appointed leaders will urge their respective legislative bodies to take the steps to implement this recommendation in the weeks and months ahead.

This constitutes a major and historic milestone on this major state corridor and Seattle's waterfront. The consensus developed by our elected officials is remarkable and a major step forward in the history of this project. It allows us to assure adequate capacity and mobility for moving our state's goods and people and also allows the city region and state over time to develop a world-class gateway on the Seattle waterfront to the region and state in coming years.

While an important step, the journey is not yet over. This hard-earned milestone will have lasting value only if the local, regional and state business community show up starting on Tuesday, along with leaders of labor, community and environmental stakeholders, to express first by their presence on Tuesday and then by their actions in lobbying our legislature to make this agreement a reality.

Please join me down at Bell Harbor at the beginning of a new day in moving this City and state forward.

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