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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: **Terry Finn**		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: Queen Anne	**Zip Code:** 98119	**Contact Phone No.:** (206) 625-6135
Appointed to: Freight Advisory Board		**Date of Appointment:** December 14, 2010
Authority (Ord., Res.): Resolution 31243		**Term of Office:** **From:** Confirmation **To:** 12/13/2013
Comments: New Appointment		
Authorizing Signature:		**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	**Against:**	**Date:**
Attested by:		**Title:**

Form last revised 5/6/10

TERRY FINN

Seattle, WA 98119
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EXPERIENCE

Current

Executive Director, Government Affairs; BNSF Railway Co.

Responsible for oversight of state legislative, local government and in-state congressional issues. Supervise contract consultants in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Develop legislative and government affairs plans for the Northwest and represent BNSF before legislatures, agencies, municipal and county councils on issues of railroad operation, regulatory activity, taxes and fees, and many and diverse local issues. Currently serve as a gubernatorial appointee to the Washington Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board and am a member of the state Rail Advisory Board, Oregon State Rail Advisory Board and the Oregon Freight Advisory Board. Most recently appointed by the governor to a special Rail Funding Committee for Oregon.

December 1995 to 2007

Manager, Government Relations; Port of Seattle

Developed and executed strategies to achieve the port's state legislative goals. Prepared legislative agenda and advised five elected commissioners and the CEO. Tracked legislation, conveyed port positions to lawmakers and key legislative staff, testified on bills of interest, wrote position papers, supervised contract lobbyists and built industry and public agency coalitions in support of port positions. Also worked with congressional delegation and staff on state-oriented issues. Frequently asked by legislators to address visiting groups and delegations about trade subjects or lobbying process. Experienced in managing relationships with public affairs firms.

Served on a number of transportation committees and staffed efforts such as the Governor's Competitiveness Council, Global Competitiveness Council and Washington Transportation Alliance. Serve on Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center Board and as Legislative Committee Chair of Washington Air Managers Association. Helped to staff governor and lieutenant governor with written background papers and remarks/speeches on trade missions and port customer calls overseas.

December 1994 to December 1995

Manager, Local Government Relations; Port of Seattle

Designed and executed strategies for advancing port goals in local and regional political arenas, particularly in the Puget Sound Regional Council. Coordinated lobbying and media activities leading to council approval of third runway at Sea-Tac Airport. Credited with developing stronger Regional Council support of airport expansion and mitigation programs. Also represented port to Seattle city government and King County executive and council branches.

July 1992 to December 1995

Media Relations Manager, Sea-Tac Airport

Served as chief spokesperson for the Aviation Division of the Port of Seattle and the main point of contact for all state and national media inquiries. Developed communications plans and strategies, wrote press releases, wrote and edited publications, prepared talking points for commissioners and senior executives and created position papers for use in local, state and federal legislative contexts. Served as speechwriter for managing director of aviation and frequently for commissioners as well as port executive director and deputy executive director.

Previous Experience

Reporter/Editor, United Press International

Eight years as a reporter and editor in the Seattle bureau of UPI. Lead writer on many national stories originating in Washington state and the Northwest. Covered state Legislature, congressional delegation and many national and international leaders, including presidents and heads of state. Reported on many national and international stories. One of five UPI reporters in western United States to spearhead introduction of UPI's successful "Metrowire" service in Los Angeles during 1984 Olympics.

Editor, West Seattle Herald

Began as night meetings reporter and served as lead news reporter for 2 ½ years before promotion to editor with hiring and management responsibilities of the news, photo and administrative staff. Managed news and administrative staff of eight. Responsible for all news and editorial content, page design, story selection and budgeting. Represented newspaper in community. Frequent public speaking.

RECOGNITION

- Steady promotion and salary increases at BNSF
- Selected as one of 20 Port of Seattle staff for "High-Impact Leadership" training for top-echelon duties
- Distinguished Performance Recognition, Port of Seattle, 1994. All performance reviews "Outstanding."
- Recognized by Washington Public Ports Association for passing legislation beneficial to all ports
- Recognized several times by UPI for stories on national and international wires
- Sigma Delta Chi reporting awards: Education and Science;

EDUCATION

- BA History and Literature, Grinnell College
- University of Iowa Graduate School, American Studies

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

SEATTLE FREIGHT ADVISORY BOARD

December 2010

12 members who serve a term of 2-years*:

- 5 appointed by City Council
- 6 Appointed by Mayor
- 1 Designated by the Port of Seattle

11 are subject to City Council confirmation

**Some initial terms are for 3 years.*

D	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
(6) M	Warren Aakervik	12/14/10	12/13/13	1st		City Council
(6) M	Cliff Bates	12/14/10	12/13/13	1st		City Council
(6) M	Terry Finn	12/14/10	12/13/13	1st		City Council
(6) M	Chris Martin	12/14/10	12/13/12	1st		City Council
(6) M	Cameron Williams	12/14/10	12/13/12	1st		City Council
(6) F	Linda Anderson	12/14/10	12/13/12	1st		Mayor
(?) ?	***Vacant***		12/13/12	1st		Mayor
(?) ?	***Vacant***		12/13/12	1st		Mayor
(6) M	Alon Bassok	12/14/10	12/13/13	1st		Mayor
(6) F	Anne Goodchild	12/14/10	12/13/13	1st		Mayor
(6) M	Bob Viggers	12/14/10	12/13/13	1st		Mayor
(6) F	Bari Bookout			1st		Port

Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latina	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Council	5	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Port		1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	*7*	*3*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*10*

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Ocltober 25, 2010

Ms. Ruth Harper
Transportation Planner
Seattle Department of Transportation
Seattle, WA

Dear Ms. Harper:

This letter expresses my interest in serving as a member of the Seattle Freight Advisory Board now being formed by the mayor's office. I have a long history of involvement in freight transportation issues that includes sea shipping, intermodal transport by truck and rail, and experience in port and rail perspectives in the Seattle area and statewide.

I currently serve on the state Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board and also am a member of the WSDOT Rail Advisory Committee. I hold similar advisory positions for freight and rail committees in Oregon, as well. Seattle is an important focal point for rail activity and will only become more so as the competitive intensity of international trade and the need for environmental sensitivity in transportation increase.

BNSF Railway has a long history in Seattle, which also served as the corporate headquarters of BNSF's parent company, the Burlington Northern Railroad. BNSF is heavily steeped in port and intermodal economics and is, by far, the state's preeminent railroad by virtue of track miles (more than 1,500) and employees (about 2,600). Rail activities and facilities will play an important role in the city's transportation future and will be integral to decisions related to on-going plans to replace the Alaska Way Viaduct.

Elevating the role of an advisory-only committee to one that reports to the mayor and the city council will be good for freight transportation and for the historic port and rail systems that have helped to put Seattle on the international map. I hope you will consider this to be an enthusiastic expression of interest. Please feel free to call me for more information or for discussion.

Regards,

Terry Finn

Director, Government Affairs