

Information Sheet

PEIS for Modernization of Base Seattle: Introduction to Base Seattle and the Proposed Action



About Base Seattle

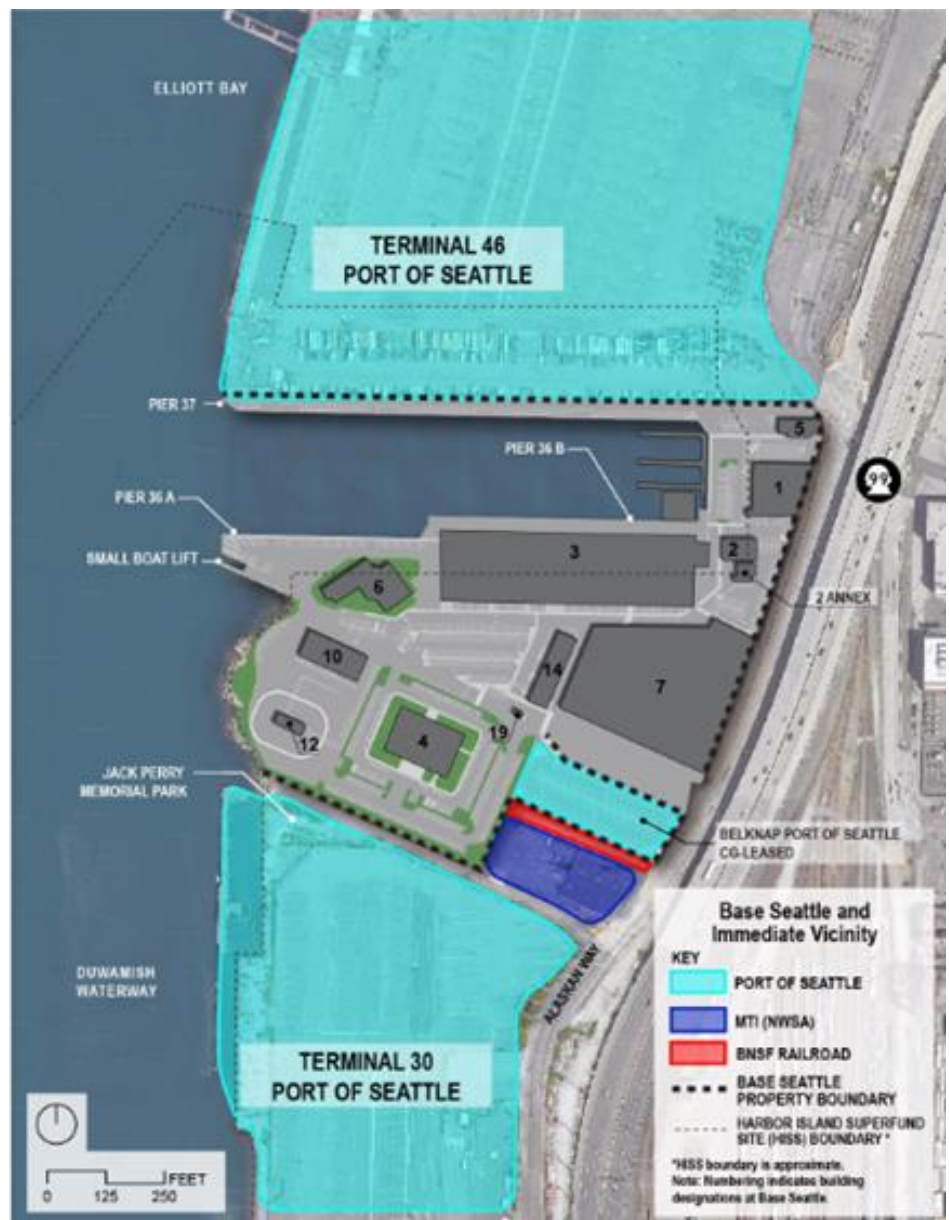
Base Seattle is located on the Duwamish Waterway south of downtown Seattle. It is the largest Coast Guard facility in the Pacific Northwest and provides a full range of support functions for Coast Guard vessels and missions in the Pacific Northwest and Polar areas of operation, and it serves as the homeport for several Coast Guard cutters.

Why Modernize?

Current facilities and infrastructure at Base Seattle are in poor condition which hinders the efficient execution of Coast Guard missions. The replacement of current Coast Guard ice breakers with new Polar Security Cutters, and possible future homeporting of other major cutters, necessitates facility enhancements to support these advanced operating assets.

Proposed Construction, Demolition, and Land Acquisition

Under the Proposed Action, the Coast Guard would make improvements over approximately the next 10 years to resolve incompatible land uses, provide new infrastructure, increase berthing capacity, upgrade existing facilities and infrastructure, reduce congestion and parking shortfalls, provide a safer work environment, and enhance physical security capabilities. To facilitate implementation of these improvements, land acquisition is also proposed.



National Environmental Policy Act and Public Scoping

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the identification and analysis of potential environmental effects of major federal actions and alternatives before the action takes place. The Coast Guard has determined that a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) is the appropriate NEPA-compliant document to assess environmental impacts of land acquisition and construction associated with long-term modernization of Base Seattle. Public involvement is integral to the federal decision-making process and is required by NEPA to ensure thorough and well-informed federal decisions. The Coast Guard is conducting this public scoping to solicit early input from the public regarding the scope of the PEIS for the expansion and modernization of Base Seattle.

The USCG will accept public comments and input for a 45-day period from May 7, 2021 to June 21, 2021 through online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/> (search for Docket Number USCG-2021-0183 or "Base Seattle PEIS") or to: U.S. Coast Guard, Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center-EMD, Attn: Mr. Dean Amundson, 1301 Clay Street, Suite 700N, Oakland, CA 94612-5203. Include the Docket Number USCG-2021-0183 in all submissions.