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Executive Director

At the helm of a world-class economic engine in a dynamic region

As executive director of the Port of Seattle, Steve Metruck leads a county-wide special purpose government responsible for providing trade, travel, and logistics services to one of the most diverse and fastest growing regions in the United States.

The Port operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) – one of the nation’s largest and best-connected airports – and owns or operates facilities for cruise, commercial fishing, grain terminals, recreational marinas, and commercial real estate. SEA Airport expects to serve 52 million passengers in 2024. A major international gateway, SEA will have 53 services to 33 international destinations on 28 different airlines by the end of 2024.

The Port also operates one of North America’s largest maritime cargo shipping gateways through The Northwest Seaport Alliance, a joint effort with the Port of Tacoma.

Metruck has guided the Port through transformative capital programs, including the opening of the new International Arrivals Facility at SEA and development of a Maritime Innovation Center.

Metruck is also a recognized leader in the global effort to transition port-related industries from fossil fuels. In collaboration with industry and port leaders in the United States and Canada, Metruck initiated the formation of the Pacific Northwest to Alaska Green Corridor First Movers Group, the first ever global effort to explore decarbonization of a cruise corridor. Metruck is currently leading the Port to expand shore power to its third and final cruise berth, part of a harbor-wide Port electrification strategy for facilities and operations.

Metruck leads with an emphasis on ethics, financial stewardship, and a culture of respect. With Commission support, Metruck created the port’s first-ever Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, ensuring that the department director sits on his executive leadership team. The Port weaves equity throughout its organization. Metruck has charged all divisions to expand opportunity equitably through Port policies and programs.

Metruck leads 2,135 employees, manages \$617 million in annual operating expenses, and guides a \$5.2 billion five-year capital improvement plan in 2024. Hundreds of individual private employers operate on Port facilities, expanding the economic impact of the Port. Regionally, Port operations support over 121,000 jobs and \$38 billion in business revenue.

Distinguished leadership career in the public sector

Metruck came to the Port of Seattle following a 34-year career with the United States Coast Guard, retiring as a Rear Admiral (Upper Half). Having previously served as Captain of the Port in Seattle, he has experience across a diverse range of operations and executive-level assignments on both coasts, the Great Lakes, and the Gulf of Mexico.

	<p>Education</p> <p>Bachelor's degree, Ocean Engineering, U.S. Coast Guard Academy</p> <p>Master's degree, Public Administration, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government</p> <p>Fellowships and special assignments</p> <p>Board of Governors, World Trade Center Seattle</p> <p>Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee</p> <p>Senior Fellow, George Washington University Center for Cyber and Homeland Security</p> <p>U.S. Coast Guard Liaison to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City</p> <p>Congressional Fellow to Senator John F. Kerry of Massachusetts</p>
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