



# Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Fairport Harbor Yacht Club – Cleveland Boaters Stakeholder Engagement: Port Relocation

April 14, 2009

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## OVERVIEW

The Port conducted a Stakeholder Engagement Session on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The intention of the session was two fold:

- To provide participants a general overview of the Port Relocation project and a more specific overview of the potential impacts (opportunities and challenges) of the relocation on the Cleveland Marinas.
- To provide participants an opportunity to engage by providing input, asking questions, and taking action.

## *Attendees*

The following is a list of attendees:

Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority	Pamela Eric Adam Wasserman XXX
URS	Jeff Homans XXX XXX
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Yacht Club Members from various Marinas	Innercity Yacht Club, Forest City Yacht Club, E55th Street Marina, Lakeside Yacht Club, XXX

## *Agenda*

The following was the general agenda for the conversation.

- **Check-In** : *Why are you here & what are you hoping to gain from this session?*
- **History & Context**
- **Questions & Input**
- **Next Step & Check-Out**

## CONCERNS SHARED

The following questions and concerns were shared by the members of the Cleveland Boaters Group.

### ***What Brought you to the meeting? What would you like to know tonight?***

- Concerned about E 55<sup>th</sup>, Lakeside, Forest City, GordonShore and InnerCity Yacht Clubs.
- Visiting boaters – what will it mean to them?
- **Boat traffic – container ships vs. sailboats**
- Entranceway between break wall and harbor
- Prioritize activities for land water interface (boating, biking, sailing, etc)
- Noise pollution (especially for overnight boaters)
- **Commercial and recreational boaters co-existence**
- Regulations on where recreational boaters can go because of homeland security
- Wind turbines – effect on commercial vehicles
- **Economically feasible?**
- Plans for extension of Cleveland break wall?
- Impact on duck hunting

### ***What Questions & Concerns Do You Have?***

#### **Winds & Waves**

- **Noreasterly winds hitting boats tied to east side of port**
- **Area has rebound problem with waves.** Small boats (boats using the ramp to fish at the break wall) will have a problem in that area
- Northeast winds create a backwash coming in from the channel

#### **Impact of commercial boats on recreational boating**

- Is 725ft adequate for homeland security to allow recreational and commercial boats?

- Don't want recreational boats to have to go out and around break wall
- Amount of expected commercial boat traffic?

#### **General concerns around impacts on recreational boating**

- White thing coming off of Dike 14 in drawing – will that remain? Will it make navigation difficult?
- What is the water depth at the marina? **Wednesday and Sunday are sailboat races to break wall (Forest City Yacht Club and others) – they need a 7ft depth to break wall.**
- **Concerned that the increased traffic related to the commercial traffic will overtake the recreational boating and eventually it will be forced to go away**
- Recreational boat traffic on holidays – 125ft will not be enough

#### **Impact on Yacht Clubs**

- West – Lakeside and Gordon Shore Yacht Clubs – how will they be affected?
  - Will the clubs remain as is?
  - Will their access change?
- **Security – will they be able to put up fences around the yacht clubs?**
- What yacht clubs will be conjoined?

#### **Why move? Financial feasibility?**

- For what has funding been secured?
  - Just the port move?
  - Just dredging the site?
  - Marinas?
- Is there stimulus money? Is there state money? Is there federal money available?
- Mayor Campbell had a great plan but it was a dream that was never realized (and a lot was spent on just concepts – how much was spent just to have all of the people here today?)
- Can the port give a verbal guarantee that they yacht clubs (and members) won't have to contribute any money?
- **What will be gain by moving the port?** Shouldn't we increase the port traffic by 3-4 times to make the move worth it?
- What is the net gain to the city? Why go through this?

### Other concerns/comments

- Short sea shipping. Will the crains affect the flight paths?
- Concerns about the discharge from the vessels affecting the clean water act.
- ODOT – traffic concerns – will truck traffic increase?
- Are there other ports along the great lakes that are looking at containers?
- What will be the changes around:
  - Number of ships
  - Size of ships
  - Increased traffic
  - Kinds of ships
- How long with the feasibility study be? How long will the design and concept phase be?  
How long will the construction process be?
- **No one wants to feel forced – if everyone feels heard and equitable they won't have a problem – this sounds fine.**
- How big will the area of the new port be? What happens in 20yrs when its at capacity?
- **Change roads at North Marginal so there is separate road access for the marina and for the public ramp.**
- **Would the port authority be willing/interested in running the marina?**