



Eagle Marine Services

To all dispatchers and operators

Over the past several months the practice of truck drivers arriving at Terminal 5 several hours prior to our opening time and staging themselves on the streets adjacent to the terminal has created a severe safety hazard. Employees of Terminal 5 and adjacent businesses are forced to drive around these trucks head on into opposing traffic on both West Marginal Way SW and the Spokane Street access ramp to Terminal 5 west of the Spokane Street Bridge. Many other motorists in the area are also impacted by the congestion this creates. Barges and other vessels attempting to navigate the Duwamish River waterway are unable to do so because the bridge cannot be opened when trucks are blocking it. This situation must be corrected before some one is seriously injured.

The Port of Seattle and City of Seattle have evaluated engineering solutions and potential re-routing of traffic but there is no viable solution that will provide a staging area/lane for trucks that does not impede all other traffic. In order to keep West Marginal Way SW clear for privately operated vehicles and those accessing adjacent businesses the following steps are being taken:

Beginning Monday November 2nd 2009 trucks will not be allowed to enter Terminal 5 by making a right turn off of West Marginal Way SW. All Trucks entering Terminal 5 must do so via the Spokane Street access ramp to Terminal 5 west of the Spokane Street Bridge. Trucks will be allowed to queue on the Spokane Street access ramp leading to T-5 but will not be allowed to stage on the Spokane Street Bridge, preventing it from opening. City of Seattle and Port of Seattle Police will be on hand and will be enforcing RCW 46.61.570 (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.61.570>) which prohibits stopping, standing or parking on streets and hi-ways. **This means no stopping on the roadways.**

Hours of service and additional information regarding Terminal 5 gate activities can be found at <http://www.eaglemarineservices.com/seattle/index.html>

