Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA): 3,156,598 TEUs in 2025 and What It Means for Valley Drayage

Pillar: The Corridors | **Basis:** Agency Figure (2025 Full-Year) | **Primary Source:** Northwest Seaport Alliance / Port of Seattle | **As Of:** 2026-11-16 (2025 Full-Year Report)

The Northwest Seaport Alliance handled 3,156,598 TEUs in 2025 (down 5.5% from 2024's tariff front-loading surge)—anchoring import/export container drayage into Kent, Auburn, and Tukwila warehouses.

Operational Continuity & Corridor Facts

• Per NWSA's 2025 full-year cargo report, the Seattle-Tacoma gateway handled 3,156,598 TEUs—a 5.5% decrease from 2024's front-loaded tariff surge.

• Containerized raw materials, ground-station electronics, solar-array hardware, and industrial tooling enter through Seattle and Tacoma marine terminals before draying into the Green River Valley.

• Drayage turns from Seattle (via SR 99/I-5/SR 599) and Tacoma (via I-5/SR 167) depend on unimpeded valley highway and rail-ramp access.

NWSA Container Gateway Metrics (2025)

Metric	Figure	Source	Operational Relevance
2025 Total Container Volume	3,156,598 TEUs	NWSA 2025 Report	Baseline gateway throughput
Year-over-Year Change	-5.5% vs. 2024	NWSA 2025 Report	Post-tariff front-loading normalization
Primary Inland Drayage	Kent / Auburn / Tukwila	King County / WSDOT	Dependent on I-5 & SR 167

Corridor Exposure, Triggers & Facility Actions

• Time-sensitive satellite or ground-system components arriving in ocean containers face demurrage if SR 167 flood closures block drayage appointments.

• Use both Seattle and Tacoma terminal options where carrier schedules permit, while noting both feed the same I-5/SR 167 inland funnel.

• Coordinate customs clearance and ITAR/EAR import-control checks before container discharge to avoid terminal holds.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

• **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• **Seattle WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/seattle-wa-space-cluster-profile/

• **Kent WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/kent-wa-space-cluster-profile/

• **Auburn WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/auburn-wa-space-cluster-profile/

• **Supply-Chain & Procurement Desk Brief:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-procurement-lead-desk-brief/

• **Ground Systems Continuity Exposure:** https://bcesg.org/wa-ground-systems-satcom-continuity-exposure/

• **NWSA Cargo Statistics (2025 TEUs):** https://www.nwseaportalliance.com/about-us/cargo-statistics

• **NWSA Terminals & Breakbulk Operations:** https://www.nwseaportalliance.com/cargo-operations/terminals

• **WSDOT Puget Sound Gateway / SR 167:**
https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/puget-sound-gateway-program

Provenance Note: 2025 TEU count (3,156,598) and -5.5% YoY change attributed to NWSA 2025 full-year cargo report.