Port Report

Bridge of the Gods - Timeline

In 2006, the Port signed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The IGA calls for ODOT to do regular bridge inspections, then file a report with the Port to help guide the work that needs to be done. Since 2006, the Port of Cascade Locks has spent in excess of \$1.1 million on bridge repairs.

In late 2012, the Port received mandates from ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requiring a severe weight limitation of 8 tons be enforced, unless the Port made certain improvements to the bridge by early 2013. The Port immediately hired a bridge engineer to assist.

In 2013, a series of meetings with ODOT and FHWA resulted in a flagging plan and soon after a construction plan which aimed to reduce the impact to local residents and regional commerce, while the contractors replaced stringers and gusset plates on the bridge. Aside from these items, ODOT reported no other safety issues with the bridge. The bridge construction was initially estimated to take two years, and cost \$4 million. The Port Commission requested that Governors of both states declare a state of [economic] emergency.

Marina News

The Port of Cascade Locks Marina scored a perfect 100% and was re-certified as a "Clean Marina" in a recent annual inspection by the Oregon State Marine Board.

This month the Port has contracted with a local company to work on managing the milfoil, an aquatic weed which is present throughout much of the Columbia and Snake River System.

The Port would like to thank Pat Colgan for his ongoing service on and off the water. Thank you for your daily efforts to keep the Marina running smoothly.

In 2013, The Port Commission required the work to be done by December 31, 2013. The Port gathered strong support from both affected sides of the river. As a result of the Port Commission's regional leadership, ODOT identified unallocated dollars in 2016-18 transportation funds, and successfully fast-tracked the project. Completed on December 23, 2013, the 6-month project cost \$1.2 million in all, \$243k of which was paid by the Port.

In 2014, the Port created a Dedicated Bridge Fund, and contracted engineering firm HNTB for a 10 year Bridge Operations and Maintenance Plan (Sept 2014). The plan will forecast investing \$250k - \$300k per year to maintain the bridge's 40 ton load rating. The Port Commission then increased the toll for the heaviest classes of vehicles (3+ axels). Tolls will be reviewed each November. The Port is now working with all four public ports in the CRGNSA to generate support for the Bridge of the Gods and the Hood River Bridge. This month ODOT notified the Port that short haul vehicles will be prohibited on the bridge (an estimated 15-20 per month).

The Port continues to work with partners to ensure that the bridge is safe for 1.5 million vehicles per year, along with over \$35 million in goods to support the regional economy.





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Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in Cascade Locks City Hall Council Chambers.

The mission of the Port of Cascade Locks is to:

- Operate in a fiscally prudent manner to ensure its continuity
- Facilitate effective infrastructure and transportation solutions
- Recruit new businesses to create family wage jobs and economic growth within the Port District and region
- Create economic growth opportunities for existing businesses within the Port District
- Enhance tourism and recreation for the Columbia River Gorge region
- Provide leadership and create partnerships within the region for economic development
- Utilize our natural resources

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Hytorc Northwest Lease Renewed 4 Years

A local company has renewed its lease in 2,500 sq. ft. of the Port's light industrial flex building on Herman Creek Ln. Hytorc Northwest runs a mobile repair center for proprietary parts and tools. The company has extended their lease for another four years in Cascade Locks. For more information on their services and products: www.hytorcnw.com

Port Job Opening: Full Time Secretary

The Port is recruiting for a Secretary/Department Support person. This is a full time positon, starting at \$32,000 per year. Applications are available at the Port office. Application deadline is August 11th.

Port Commission Selects Gyda Ann Haight

Following a recent round of interviews, Gyda Ann Haight was sworn in by the Port Commission on Thursday, July 17th. Gyda will serve the remainder of the term vacated by former Port Commissioner Scot Sullenger, ending in June of 2015. The Port would like to thank all four highly qualified applicants for volunteering to serve their community and the greater Port district.

Thank you Volunteer Steve Gast

The Port would like to thank Cascade Locks resident Steve Gast for his ongoing volunteerism to maintain local trailheads, rock walls, and landscaped areas.

LOCAL TRIVIA QUIZ FOR PRIZES

Be one of the first three people to correctly answer this question (spelling counts) by email to: rare@portofcascadelocks.org, and win a gift certificate to a local business!

Adults: What year was the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge's maiden voyage on the Columbia River?

Youth (Under 18): What is the name of the famous steam locomotive showcased in the Marine Park?