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Port of Cascade Locks Updates

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Hello,

In the spirit of keeping everyone in the loop, here are some updates that may be of interest to your agency. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

- Earlier this summer, we started a bridge strengthening project on the Bridge of the Gods (BOG), after a field inspection following up on a note from a previous bi-annual inspection. The project is expected to roughly cost \$550,000 and the BOG will see some weight restrictions. We've been working very closely with ODOT and Skamania County (our neighbors to the north) to coordinate. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October and we anticipate we'll see 4-6 weeks of weight restrictions, which would affect largely our commercial traffic, limited to 11 tons. We are grateful to ODOT, who under an IGA with the Port, procured for contractor quickly and thus, helped us minimize weight restriction timeline. This will have some effect on Port's revenues. The disruption to lighter vehicles is also expected to be minimal to none. I'm highlighting this for you for a couple of reasons: This is a beautiful illustration of a state agency collaborating and being helpful to a port and also to generally keep you in the loop on the big Port of Cascade Locks happenings. Hoping for an even more positive story to tell next month or in October.
- Meanwhile, it does not look like there is much more chance of having our exemption from Title 23 included in the infrastructure bill.
- Sternwheeler has been out of commission since 8/21 while in repair. The repair is expected to be completed on Friday and Sternwheeler should be back in operation on Saturday.
- The intersection of WaNaPa and Toll House Rd made it into STIP and has been submitted as a competitive project for funding. This project aims at addressing both congestion and freight mobility issues.
- We're developing a couple of parking lots in collaboration with Travel Oregon, who is partially funding these to help accommodate the new 13-mile multi-use section the Forest Service will be building in collaboration with the Mountain Biking Association. Several years ago, the Port invested \$100,000 into scoping this project and it is wonderful to see the Forest Service complete its extensive and labor-some process of getting to the approval stage. We have an active grant with Oregon Parks to fund building this trail.
- We've been successful in leasing out most of the space Renewal Workshop occupied in Herman Creek complex, except for the 7,500 sqft space, which is still vacant. We have two wineries and a data processing center moving into the other spaces. One lesson learned throughout the Tenant Improvement process for the wineries was – there are delays in materials lead time and that plumbers and electricians in the Gorge are in high demand. This is reflected in estimates that were 5 times the engineers estimate.

Let me know if there is a particular subject of interest to you.

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