

# Port of Cascade Locks Updates

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## Bridge Updates:

1. The bridge damage by an over-height truck has been repaired. Additionally, the paving of the area we discussed when I was present at your
2. This year, there will be some welding on the deck, which will happen in the Fall and Spring. These typically result in one-lane closure and are not significantly disruptive to the transportation system. Additionally, we will begin painting project this year in accordance with the 15-year maintenance and preservation plan. This project is being designed by our engineers and should be available in the Fall.

## Bike/Ped/Equi. Pathway:

1. The House included an exemption in its version of the Surface Transportation bill. The language was modified to expressly state that tolls will not be charged for pedestrians, bikers, and horse riders. This exemption will allow the Port to receive federal funding despite of Title 23 to use only for this project.
2. Having passed the House, the bill should be considered by the Senate. However, Senate has passed its own version of the Surface Transportation bill and may choose to go to a conference committee to merge the two bills. There is not much certainty at this time about either the process or the likelihood of our exemption making it through the process. However, if we learned one thing about the recent House process, things can happen quickly and unexpectedly. We appreciate any support you are willing to lend for this project.
3. Some project highlights:
  - a. Constructs a walkway to attached to the bridge to separate vehicular and bike/foot traffic.
  - b. Connects the PCT trail across the river.
  - c. Considers a crossing over SR 14 to connect to existing and future trail system on the Washington side.
  - d. Is expected to attract additional tourism to benefit the Oregon and Washington communities.
  - e. More information: <http://isurvivedthewalk.com/>

## Overall Port updates:

1. COVID-19 restrictions led to a 30% revenue reduction for the new year. The revenue reduction is due decreased tourism, as well as due to impacted commercial leases. The Port responded by cutting costs in many areas, including not funding certain positions and projects. The Event Coordinator and Bridge Manager positions have not been funded, among others.
2. Some of our businesses have been affected more than others, however, many of the Cascade Locks businesses are hospitality industry and have seen significant effects.
3. The Port is working on implementing paid parking in the Marine Park through a smart phone application. The Port intends that local residents will be exempt from parking fees and will define the area of "local" in its subsequent meetings.