

Port of Vancouver USA
Board of Commissioners Meeting
AUGUST 12, 2025



Internship Experience at the Port of Vancouver

DANNY ROBU

Summer 2025
Future Leaders Project Intern



My Background

Hometown:

- Vancouver, WA.

Education:

- A.A. in Biology & Business – Highest Honors
- Transferred to Washington State University Vancouver
- B.A. in Accounting, Expected Graduation: Spring 2026

Goals:

- Earn a CPA Certification
- Launch My Career in Accounting
- Open a Local Bakery



My Experience

ERP & Projects:

First-Hand Experience with ERP Demos: RFPs, Implementation, and Solution Evaluations

Collaborate on Budget Templates, Practice Bank Reconciliations, and Dive into Month-End Operations and Build a Template



Cross-Department Collaboration:

Met with Staff from Finance, Operations, Environmental Services, Economic Development, Commercial, and More

Participated in Department-Specific Orientations and Facility Tours

Assisted Various Teams with Budget Planning and Coordination



Professional Engagement:

Attended Events with GVC, Rotary, and Board of Commissioners

Strengthened Professional Communication and Networking Skills



Key Takeaways

The Kind of Organization I Dream of Being a Part of One Day

POV Community

- Welcomed and Supported Since Day 1
- Always Encouraged to Reach Out With Questions
- Built Relationships I Hope to Carry Forward

POV Culture

- Respect, Inclusion, and Recognition Are Lived Values
- Emphasis on Growth and Development for Every Employee
- Work-Life Balance is Not Only Supported, but Celebrated

POV Environmental Efforts

- Actively Protects Sensitive Ecosystems Around Vancouver
- High Environmental Standards and Stewardship
- Local Community is Very Lucky to Have the Port



Thank You

TO EVERYONE AT THE PORT



Maritime Intern Update

Nadia Ardovini & Annabel Gonzalez



Intro to the Maritime Interns

Annabel

Education:

- Attending Texas A&M Maritime Academy
- Bachelors: Anthropology Studies
- Masters: Currently Enrolled in Maritime Business Administration

Hobbies:

- Creative Writing, Country Dancing, and Sketching

Career Ambitions:

- Will Start as a Fuel Supplier at Dan Bunkering, an Oil and Gas Company

Nadia

Education:

- Attending SUNY Maritime College
- Bachelors: International Transportation & Trade
- Graduating December 2025

Hobbies:

- SUNY Soccer and Rowing Team, Snowboarding, Hiking

Career Ambitions:

- Work in Logistics/Supply Chain Industry After Graduating in December!



Port Tours:

Toured Various Port Sectors with Direct Representatives

- ❑ Wayne Harner – Port Rail Systems
- ❑ Mary Mattix and Della Graham – Port Environmental Protection and Management
- ❑ Josh Pope – Port Engineering Projects
- ❑ Jereme Harlan – Port Security Measures
- ❑ Maintenance Team – Port Maintenance Operations



Shaver Transportation Tours

Family-Owned Tug and Barge Company on the Columbia River

- Tugboat in Action with Captain Joe
 - Moving Wheat Barges Around
 - Observing Deckhands' Various Tasks
- Private Presentation and Tour from Samantha Shaver
 - Launch Boat Tour
 - Newest Tractor Tug
 - Sasha (Only Female Captain)

Nadia and Annabel with United Grain Interns



More Maritime Experiences

Foss Transportation

- Harbor Towing and Barge Company
- Rode on a Tugboat and Observed the Captain Operating the Vessel

Metro Ports with Jeff Robinson

- Observed Copper Concentrate Loading Process onto the Vessel
- Met the Organizers and Managers of the Loading Process
- Boarded the Vessel, Witnessed the Process, and Spoke with Mariners from Overseas



Columbia River Bar Pilots

All Day Tour

- Spent the Day in Astoria with Captain Joe, a Texas Maritime Graduate, Hearing His Academy and Mariner Stories
- Accompanied Captain Kurt on a Pilot Boat and Watched Him Board a Ship
- Took a Helicopter Ride with the New Pilot Trainee



Astoria Maritime Museum

All Day Event

- Volunteered at the Maritime Event
- Taught Children About Imported and Exported Commodities on the Columbia River



Learning Logistics from Zack and Davis



Cargo Types and Terminal Operations



Infrastructure and Industrial Capacity



Logistics Flow Process: Vessel Arrival → Unload → Staging → Onward Transport



Coordination with External Stakeholders: ILWU Dockworkers, Tenants, Transportation Agencies



Safety, Compliance and Environmental Regulations



Taking Notes and Engaging During Budget, Commercial, and Marketing Meetings

Thank You!



Open Forum

To provide virtual oral comment during the board meeting, you must register no later than 12:00 p.m. Monday, August 11, 2025, by emailing povcommissioners@portvanusa.com



Action Items



Action Item E-1

Approve Resolution 4-2025: Series 2023 Revenue Bond and Credit Facility Agreement



Action Item E-2

Approve Contracts with Consor, MacKay Sposito,
and AECOM for On Call Construction Management,
Inspection, and Materials Support Services



Unfinished Business

PORT CONTRACTS LOGS



New Business



Accounts Payable



CEO Report



CEO Report I-1

Project Updates



BL3300 Office Build

CONTRACTOR: SKYWARD CONSTRUCTION



- Future Breakroom



BL3300 Office Build

CONTRACTOR: SKYWARD CONSTRUCTION

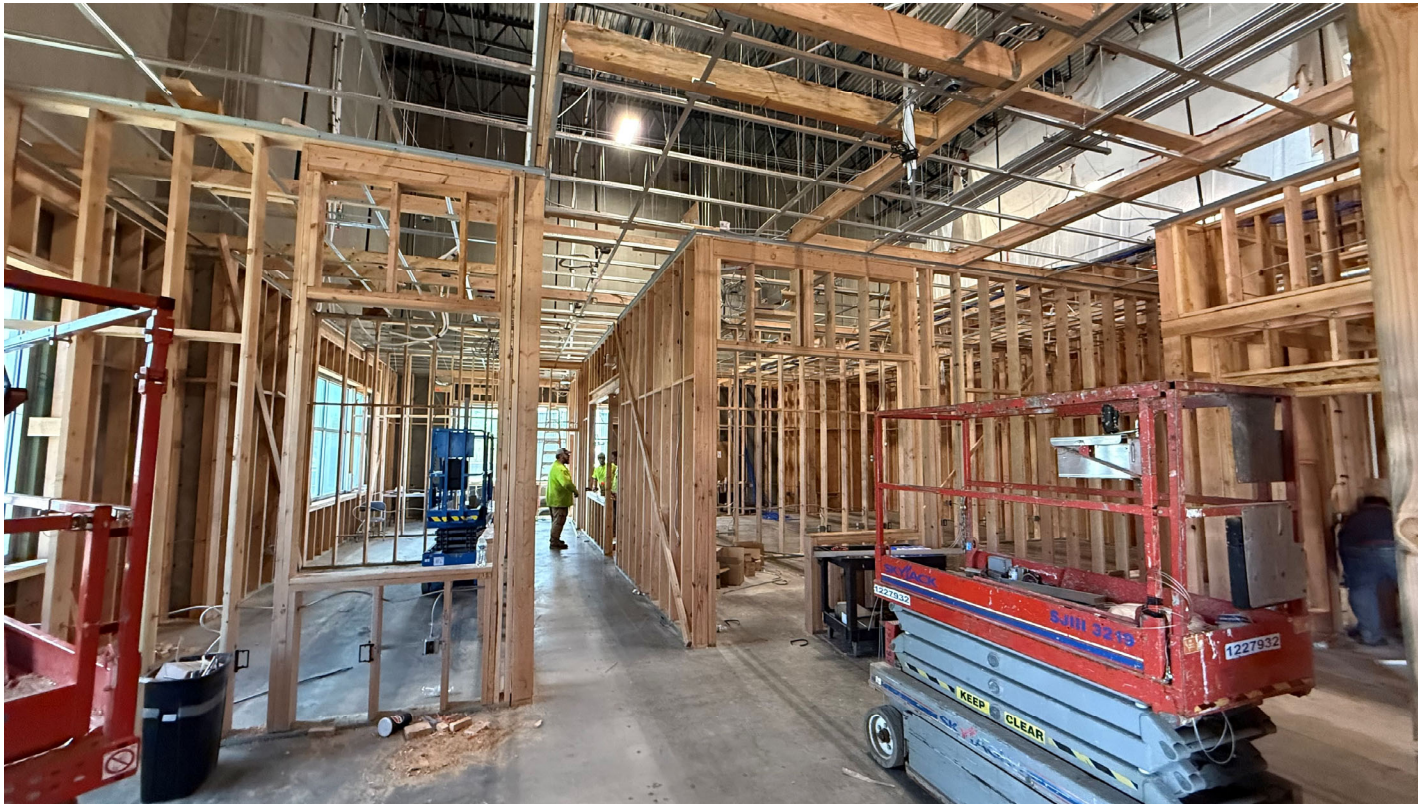


- Future Open Office



BL3300 Office Build

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- Future Meeting Rooms



BL3300 Office Build

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- Open Office

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BL3300 Office Build

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- More Open Office Space



BL3300 Office Build

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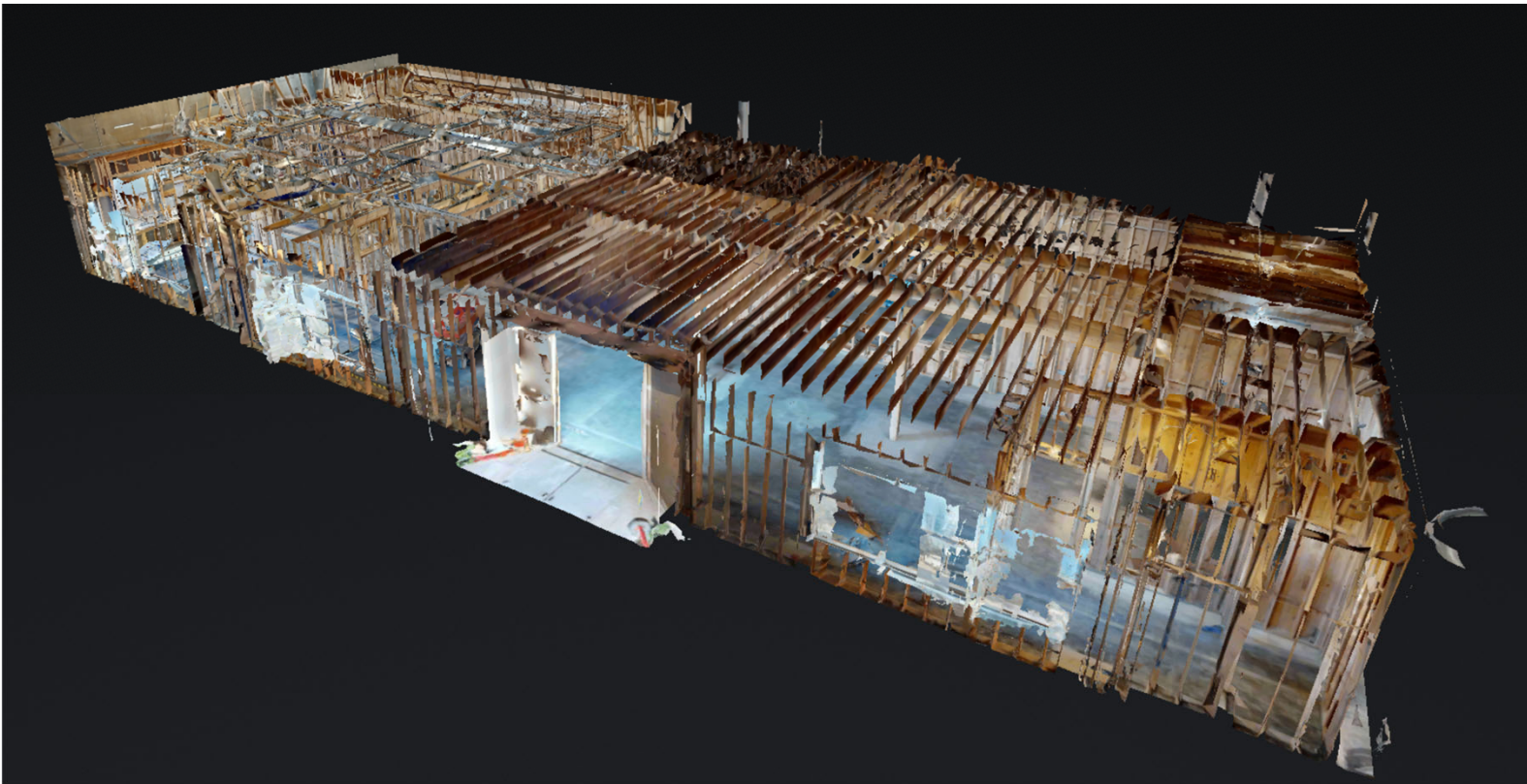


- Meeting Rooms



BL3300 Office Build

CONTRACTOR: SKYWARD CONSTRUCTION



- 3D View



BL3103 HVAC Replacement

CONTRACTOR: UNIVERSITY MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS



- Rooftop Unit Crane Lift



EV Chargers Phase 1

CONTRACTOR: SARKINEN PLUMBING



- New Transformer for 3103's EV Chargers



EV Chargers Phase 1

CONTRACTOR: SARKINEN PLUMBING

- Foundation for Level 3 EV Charger



EV Chargers Phase 1

CONTRACTOR: SARKINEN PLUMBING



- Additional Electrical Infrastructure to Power All 4 EV Chargers



Terminal 1 Dock Replacement Project

CONTRACTOR: HME CONSTRUCTION



- Project 7% Complete
- Abutment Wall Construction



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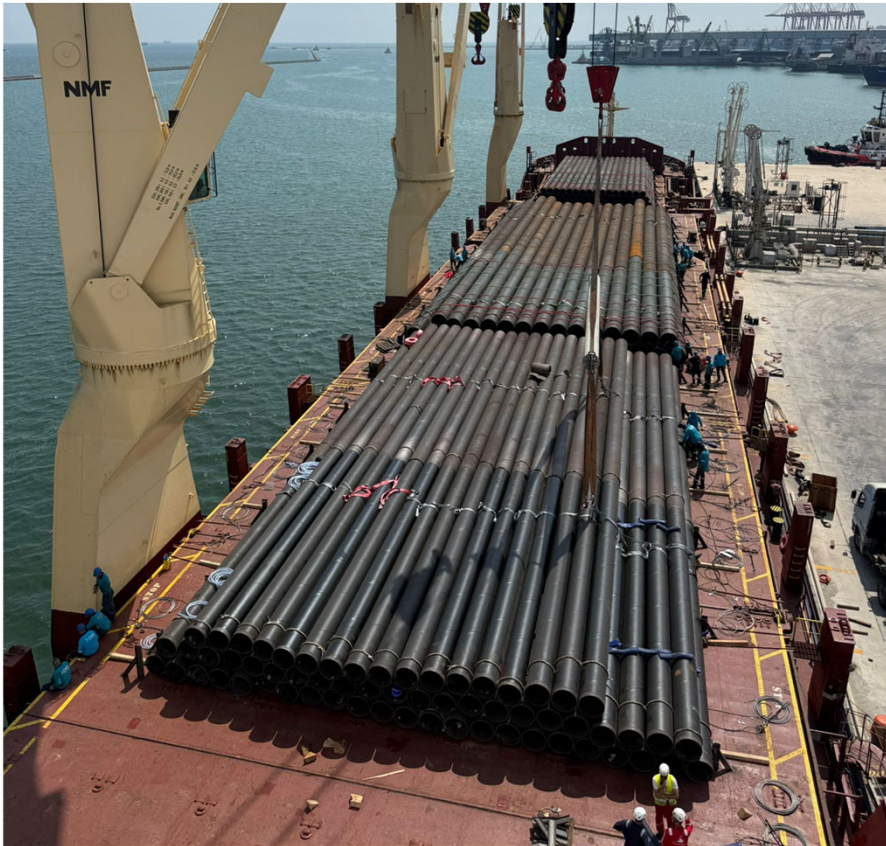


- Dock Transition Wall Formwork
- Precast Deck Panels
20 PCT Complete



Terminal 1 Dock Replacement Project

CONTRACTOR: HME CONSTRUCTION



- Pile Fabrication Complete
- Pile Shipment Received



Commissioners Reports



Upcoming Events

Next Commission Meeting

- Regular Commission Meeting - Tuesday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. Meeting Location: C-TRAN Administration Building, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver WA 98682

Community Events

- Vancouver Farmers Market - Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at Esther Short Park
- Summer Concert Series: LaRhonda Steele, August 15th, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson St. Vancouver. Free concert! Food and beverages available for purchase
- Family Series: Puppet Day - August 16th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson St. Vancouver. Free event!
- Family Series: Columbia Play Project - August 23rd, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Artillery Barracks, 600 E Hatheway Rd. Vancouver. Free event!



Communicating with the Commission

- Share your thoughts during Open Forum, the public comment period for all regularly scheduled commission meetings.
- Email the commissioners at povcommissioners@portvanusa.com
- Speak to the commissioners by calling the port office at 360-693-3611 for specific contact information.
- Mail your comments to:
POV Board of Commissioners
3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA 98660
- For more information, visit the port's website: www.portvanusa.com



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Workshop

STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS





2025 State Legislative Report

*Port of Vancouver Commission
Meeting*

August 12, 2025

Overview

- Session Dynamics
- Outcomes
 - Budget/Taxes
 - POV Legislative Priorities
- Fiscal Update
- 2026 Initial Priorities
- Interim Activity



Session Dynamics

- 105 - Day “Long” Session
- January 13 - April 27, 2025
- New Governor
- \$16 Billion Deficit
- 60% Majorities in Senate & House
 - Senate 30-19
 - House 59-39



Outcomes – Budget

OPERATING

- \$78 Billion Biennium
- \$7 Billion Spending Reductions
- \$9 Billion New Taxes

TRANSPORTATION

- \$15.5 Billion Biennium
- \$1 Billion Shortfall
- \$3 Billion New Taxes & Fees

CAPITAL

- \$7.6 Billion Biennium

Overview of Tax Package – Operating Budget

Tax	Bill #	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	4 Yr Total
STATE						
B&O	HB 2081	\$497	\$1,570	\$1,739	\$1,818	\$5,624
Sales Tax on Services	SB 5814	\$422	\$701	\$734	\$766	\$2,623
Repeal of Tax Exemptions	SB 5794	\$40	\$108	\$115	\$122	\$385
Cap Gains/Estate	SB 5813	\$176	\$156	\$153	\$152	\$637
Tesla	HB 2077	\$0	\$78	\$102	\$101	\$281
Total		\$1,135	\$2,613	\$2,843	\$2,959	\$9,550
LOCAL						
Sales Tax on Services	SB 5814	\$205	\$365	\$381	\$396	\$1,347
Prop Tax - K-12	HB 2049	\$274	\$334	\$456	\$499	\$1,563
Total		\$479	\$699	\$837	\$895	\$2,910
Combined Total		\$1,614	\$3,312	\$3,680	\$3,854	\$12,460



Transportation Resources

- 6 Cent Gas Tax Increase (49.4 to 55.4)
 - 2% Inflation Each Year Starting In 2027
- 3 Cent Diesel Differential
 - Another 3-Cent Increase in 2028
 - Total 6-Cent Increase Tied to 2% Inflation Starting in 2029
- Truck Weight Fees at \$30 per Ton
 - 2% Inflation Starting in 2027
- 0.5% Recreational Vessel Sales Tax Increase
- 8% Luxury Vehicle Sales Tax Increase Amounts Over \$100,000
- 10% Luxury Aircraft Sales Tax Increase Amounts Over \$500,000

Fiscal Update

- OFM Guidance, June 4 Memo
 - Supplemental Budget Requests Due September 15, 2025
 - Non-Discretionary Changes in Legally Mandated Case/Workloads
 - Necessary Technical Corrections
 - Additions or Reductions to Federal or Private/Local Funding
 - Critical and Emergent Costs that Cannot be Accommodated with Savings or Efficiencies
 - Options for Efficiencies, Reform, Administrative Savings, or Reductions in Non-Essential Services
 - Limit All Discretionary Budget Requests While Reducing Costs
- Equity Lens
 - Retain Services for Most Vulnerable Residents and In Overburdened Communities
 - Address Impacts on Marginalized Communities
 - Assess Budget Impacts on Historically Excluded or Underrepresented Individuals
- Travel, Hiring, and Contracting Freezes to Remain

<https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/budget/instructions/operating/2025-27/2026SuppBudgetInstructions.pdf> -



Outcomes – POV Priorities

- Substation Planning - Secured \$150,000 in Capital Budget
 - Maintained I-5 Bridge Replacement Funding
 - Protected T1 Investments & TIF Law
 - Prevented the Repeal of the Stevedoring and Interstate Commerce Tax Deduction (SB 5794)
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2026 Initial Priorities

- Mid-Biennium Adjustments to Reflect 2025 Session
 - **NEW** –Channel Maintenance Funding
 - OR/WA 20-Year Plan With USACE
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Interim Activity

- Waters of the State Rulemaking - Ecology
 - Shoreline Management Act Rulemaking – Ecology
 - Clean Building Standards Rulemaking – Commerce
 - August 5 Primary Elections
 - September 23 Revenue Forecast
 - September 26 Transportation Revenue Forecast
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Questions & Discussion



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THANK YOU!

Federal Legislative Update

Dale Learn

Managing Partner, Federal Affairs

Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations

Thank You!

