Port of Vancouver USA
Board of Commissioners Meeting
AUGUST 22, 2023
Open Forum

To provide virtual oral comment during the board meeting, you must register no later than 12:00 p.m. Monday, August 21, 2023, by emailing povcommissioners@portvanusa.com
Action Items
Action Item E-1

Approve Public Works Contract for Bid 23-28: Terminal 4 Stormwater Pond Solids Removal Project
Action Item E-2

Approve Public Works Contract for Bid 23-24: 2023 Maintenance Dredging Project
Unfinished Business
New Business
CEO Report
Commissioners Reports
Upcoming Events

Next Commission Meeting

• Regular Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 9:30 a.m.

Community Events

• Music on the Porch Day – Saturday, Aug. 26, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., O.O. Howard House. Three musical acts including a drum circle, River Twain and Bigfoot MoJo. All ages welcome, free event.
• Treats day at Cedar Creek Grist Mill in Woodland, Saturday, Aug. 26, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Taste wheat cakes, cookies, muffins and scones; dog treats offered too.
• First day of school for Vancouver and Evergreen Public Schools – Wednesday, Aug. 30
• The port will be closed for Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 4
• Shumway Neighborhood Association meeting – Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
• Tickets on sale for popular Haunted Walking Tours offered by the Clark County Historical Museum. Offered Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 28. Call the museum or get tickets online.
• Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meeting – Monday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.; attend in-person or via Zoom
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 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Federal Legislative Update

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Managing Partner, Federal Affairs

Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations
Washington State 2023 Legislative Update
Overview

• In-person 105-day session
• Top issues: public safety, housing, and workforce
• First Climate Commitment Act auction
• 1694 bills introduced
• 472 new laws
• No new taxes *but* no tax relief
• 1-day special session on controlled substance laws
POV Top Priorities

- Protect I-5 bridge funding/Continue progress (HB 1125/SB 5765)
- TIF Fix (HB 1527)
- Secure funding for T1 dock demolition (SB 5200)
- Update Small Works Roster (SB 5268)
Additional Priorities

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
✓ Protect access to ports/trade (HB 1257)
✓ Increase competitiveness for tourism (HB 1258/SB 5336)

**FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE**
✓ Promote SW Washington transportation projects (HB 1125)
✓ Reliable freight funding for infrastructure (HB 1084)
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

✓ Establish grant programs to promote sustainability (SB 5200)
✓ Permitting process efficiencies (HB 1216)
✓ Protect MTCA fund shifts (SB 5187)
Other Issues of Interest

• Derelict Vessels
  • Notices – HB 1753
  • Appeals – SB 5192
  • Aquatic Structures – SB 5433
• Long-term care payroll tax relief – HB 1011 FAILED
• Margins tax – HB 1644/SB 5482 FAILED
• July tax collections $101 million over forecast
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