

# *Port of Vancouver USA*

## *Board of Commissioners Meeting*

OCTOBER 26, 2021



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# *Open Forum*

To provide public comment during the virtual board meeting, you must register no later than 12:00 p.m. Monday, October 25, 2021 by emailing [povcommissioners@portvanusa.com](mailto:povcommissioners@portvanusa.com) \* \*



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# *Action Items*



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# *Unfinished Business*



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# *New Business*



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# *CEO Report*



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# *CEO Report H-1*

Action taken under Resolution 2-2020:  
Declaration of Local Emergency and  
Delegation of Authority of Emergency  
Powers



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# *CEO Report H-2*

State Legislative Update







Port of Vancouver USA

# 2022 Legislative Preview

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Amber Carter Government Relations, LLC

# Session Overview

- 60-days
- Supplemental Budget
- Revenue Forecast
- Virtual Hybrid
- Redistricting

# Proposed Legislative Agenda

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# Economic Development

**NEW!**

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Ensure	Invest	Maximize	Promote	Compete	Protect	Deploy	Connect	Update
Ensure COVID relief includes ports and distributed in an efficient and timely manner. Allow a public agency to hold meetings of its governing body remotely, or with limited in-person attendance after a declared emergency.	Secure funding for the dock replacement permit and design phase of the Terminal 1 waterfront development project (\$2.3M with \$500K port match).	Maximize economic development tools, investment in Opportunity Zones, and ensure adequate funding of CERB.	Protect, preserve, and promote access to ports, essential public facilities and industrial lands that support Washington's trade-based, commercial, and regional economies.	Support legislation that increases competitiveness for tourism, manufacturing, trade, and industrial development.	Protect navigation corridors and hydropower, which are key to the economy, a protection of jobs, and meeting GHG reduction goals.	Support broadband capacity initiatives, deployment, and investment.	Increase career-connected learning opportunities and apprenticeship programs for ports.	Update the small works threshold to \$500,000 for consistency with other local governments. Amend RCW 53.08 to allow ports to use the latest small works threshold.



# Freight Infrastructure

- Provide investment for the replacement of the Columbia River I-5 bridge and other SW Washington transportation projects that facilitate freight movement, economic development, job growth, address key chokepoints and grade-separation.
- Support efforts to close transportation funding gaps and meet freight mobility needs throughout Washington State.
- Support Columbia River ports' efforts to maintain 43' shipping channel.
- Promote a high, wide, and heavy corridor through the Columbia River region and support funding for the planning and construction of the corridor.
- Support reliable freight funding for infrastructure and construction programs.

# Environment

Ensure carbon pricing in Washington both efficiently and effectively reduces the state's transportation-induced greenhouse gas emissions. Dedicate revenue generated from carbon pricing to the full scope of Washington's transportation infrastructure. Enhance allowances or exemptions for Energy Intensive Trade Exposed (EITE) industries like agriculture and forestry, to protect these important enterprises.

Establish grant programs that incentivize ports and their partners to become more environmentally sustainable and efficient.

Amend the Climate Change Grant program (RCW 36.70a.190) to allow port participation.

Provide greater certainty and timeliness in permitting decisions and environmental reviews.

Evaluate rulemaking by Ecology on SEPA as it relates to assessment and mitigation of project-related greenhouse gas emissions and seek legislative clarity where needed.

Protect funds in the Model Toxics Control Account for cleanup activities.

Support efforts to shift the Vessel Excise Tax to the Derelict Vessel Account.

**NEW!**

A photograph of a large, multi-story building with a prominent sign that reads "RED LION HOTEL" and "EST. 1907". The building is situated on a long wooden pier extending into a body of water. The pier is supported by numerous wooden pilings. In the background, there are trees and other buildings. The sky is clear and blue. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in large white text across the center of the image.

Questions?

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# *CEO Report*





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# *Commissioners Reports*



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# *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](mailto:povcommissioners@portvanusa.com)
- Speak to the commissioners by calling the port office at 360-693-3611 for specific contact information.
- Mail your comments to:  
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- For more information, visit the port's website:  
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# *Administrative Work Session*

