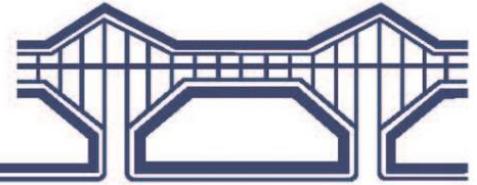


# Port Report



## Public Transportation Enhancements

Port General Manager and Government Relations Manager Mark Johnson have begun meetings with CAT (Hood River Columbia Area Transit) to begin to bring Cascade Locks into the planning of more effective transportation services in town. CAT has expanded services as a result of HR 2017 which sets aside certain dollars for rural transportation needs. CAT now has fixed route in Cascade Locks and will be working with the Port to ensure services to the existing and new businesses in town. The new fixed route connects Cascade Locks with The Dalles and Hood River upper valley. CAT will be looking at evening and week end service in town to meet the growing needs. The Port will include this transportation service enhancement in our November business resiliency meeting to be held on December 11.

## Cascade Locks School Improvements

The County School District will be doing several enhancements at Cascade Locks school as a result of the recent bond issue. Work planned for Cascade Locks includes roofing repairs, entryway improvements at the front of the school to increase security, refreshing the playground, adding new play equipment features and installing security fencing to separate the playground from the road. In addition, we are talking to the school district about the possibility of refurbishing the tennis courts to make them usable for local community interests. There is local volunteer interest in improving the tennis courts. Some local interest in playing tennis has been voiced by folks.

## Upcoming Closures

The Port office will close at Noon on Mon, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and all-day Tue, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day. The office will also close at noon Mon., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and all day on Tue., January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day.

## Port Progress

**1. Fisherman Access Road:** Completed the paving of the road in the Business Park from the end of East Columbia Gorge Way to the historic community fishing area. The parking lot has also been improved and next spring a new portable toilet shelter will be installed. This will complete the Port Commission commitment to open the area for greater public access and use. **2. Cove Access Road:** Completed the development of a new gravel road on the east end of the Business Park and the new parking lot allowing more public access to the east cove area by the public. A portable toilet shelter will also be installed here next spring to assist the public make greater use of the area. **3.** Drafted the final MOU with pFriem agreeing to build a new building for this company in the Business Park. **4.** Completed the development of Flex Buildings 2 and 4 in the Herman Creek Business Complex. All 4 buildings are leased out. **5.** Completed plans for pedestrian safety enhancements at the BOG to be installed in early November. **6.** Completed work with ODOT of a formal request to the Legislative E-Board for \$900,000 to do the engineering and design for the proposed bike/ped crossing at the BOG. **7.** Received a clean audit report from the Ports contract auditor. **8.** Completed the annual review of the Ports fees, charges and use policies for the 2019 year. **9.** Completed contracts for the installation of the Phase 1 Toll Technology at the BOG. **10.** Worked with the Pony Task Force to conduct a community meeting to share proposed plans for the Museum, Visitor Center and new Pony Building as a part of an expanded economic development strategy. **11.** Began distribution of the Bridge of The Gods Magazine promoting local businesses and the community during the fall and winter months. One of the Ports strategies to assist local businesses in the aftermath of the fires last year.



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## Local Postal Customer

### Columbia Gorge Express Locations

Starting Friday, Nov. 2, the Columbia Gorge Express updated bus stops in Cascade Locks and Hood River to increase accessibility and convenience. The new Hood River stop location is downtown in front of Full Sail Brewing on Columbia Street. They've also adding a new stop at Columbia Area Transit near the Walmart on the west end of town. The new Cascade Locks stop is just in front of the Columbia Market downtown on Wa Na Pa Street. The new stop will be closer to downtown businesses, the Bridge of the Gods, and the Pacific Crest Trail. To learn more about schedules and stops, visit: [www.columbiagorgeexpress.com](http://www.columbiagorgeexpress.com).

### Meeting of All Local Businesses

The Port and City, in collaboration with the State of Oregon and the Cascade Locks Business Association are planning to hold a meeting of all local businesses on December 11 in The Pavilion. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the potential of a state grant to assist local businesses be more resilient. Other topics to be discussed are CAT transportation enhancements, refurbishing the tennis court at the school and improving communication. The meeting starts at 3pm.

### Free Holiday Bridge Crossing

The Port Commission would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays this winter season! As is tradition, there will be free bridge crossings (no toll collected) on the Bridge of the Gods from 9pm on Monday, December 24th to 7am on Wednesday, December 26th for all vehicles.

#### DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Dec 2.....City's Annual Festival of Lights
- Dec 6.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Dec 6.....Port Commission
- Dec 11.....Business Resiliency Meeting
- Dec 20.....CL Action Team
- Dec 20.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Dec 20.....Port Commission
- Dec 25.....Christmas Day
- Dec 31.....New Years Eve

*If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8916 or visit [portofcascadelocks.org](http://portofcascadelocks.org).*