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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Port of Astoria has a lot of work underway, much of it focused on maintaining and improving the facilities that fulfill our mission of economic growth for the region. Progress, however, does not always come as quickly as it should. Permitting delays, funding challenges, and the bureaucracy involved in navigating state agencies such as the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) continue to stand in the way of getting important projects done. Despite these obstacles, we remain focused on protecting our working waterfront, creating economic opportunities, and delivering results for the region.

One of our highest priorities is the rehabilitation of Pier 2 West. This infrastructure is important to our commercial fishing fleet and seafood processing industry, and restoring the pier is critical to supporting these operations for years to come.

We are also working to advance redevelopment of the Central Waterfront with Astoria Port Development, LLC. Our goal is to put this underused stretch of waterfront to better use while respecting Astoria's maritime history. Redevelopment offers an opportunity to attract private investment, create jobs, support local businesses, and bring new activity to the waterfront. Getting there requires persistence, coordination, and a willingness to work through significant challenges.

Maintaining our existing marine facilities is equally important. Ongoing maintenance dredging helps preserve access for vessels and supports the commercial and recreational activities that depend on our waterfront. This work is essential to keeping the Port operational and competitive.

Our airport also remains an important community asset. The recent Airport

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ONGOING DEVELOPMENT & CURRENT PROJECTS

PIER 2 WEST REHABILITATION

Design and permitting work for the full rehabilitation of Pier 2 West continues. The Port is now nearing the end of a lengthy mitigation approval process which will allow the Port to finalize the NEPA permits being administered by USDOT's Maritime Administration. The importance of Pier 2 West infrastructure to the commercial fishing and seafood processing industries cannot be overstated and so remains the Port's top priority. The Port secured $1.2 million from Business Oregon for engineering work that was completed in 2024 and was awarded $25.3 million in federal Port Infrastructure Development Program funding for construction costs. To close the remaining gap between current grant awards and projected construction costs, the Port is actively pursuing over $10 million in Connect Oregon funding. Construction is still on track for the Fall of 2027, with contractor selection and pre-construction activities expected to begin within the next six months.

CENTRAL WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

The Port's partnership with Astoria Port Development, LLC continues to advance a long-range redevelopment vision shaped by the City approved Central Waterfront Master Plan. Following several years of planning and public engagement, the Port and Astoria Port Development, LLC have now formalized their collaboration through a 40-year Master Lease and Development Option Agreement that outlines how the redevelopment area will be planned, financed, phased, and leased. The agreement also establishes a clear structure for future subleases, each requiring Commission approval, and includes safeguards to protect Port interests. Under this framework, Astoria Port Development, LLC and the Port are moving toward a mixed-use concept featuring small shop retail, market style spaces, maritime themed attractions, lodging, and year-round public amenities. The project area—centered around Pier 1 and the West Mooring Basin—is envisioned as a regional water- front destination that honors Astoria's heritage while improving access, circulation, and visitor experience.

BOATYARD EXPANSION

The Port continues to explore funding options to advance Phase 1 of the Boatyard Master Plan, a concept that would revitalize the existing and under-utilized Boatyard space by providing year-round service facilities, vendor space, and increased lift capacity. The plan will progress through multiple phases, with Phase 1 to include a mixed-use industrial and office building, a structure featuring covered boat stalls and a redesign of road frontage. These components will improve the boatyard's aesthetic and maximize efficiency. Design and engineering work is set to kick off in the winter of 2026 with new infrastructure planned for 2027.

THE PORT OF ASTORIA HAS BEEN A PORT OF CALL SINCE 1982 AND IS A DEEP WATER PORT THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE INDUSTRY'S LARGEST VESSELS, LOCATED ONLY 14 MILES FROM THE MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

PORT GRANTS & FUNDING PROGRESS

EAST MOORING BASIN DOCK REPLACEMENT

The Port is purchasing new boarding docks for the East Mooring Basin at a total project cost of approximately $420,000, with the Port contributing about $107,000 toward the project. The project is funded in part through a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Grant administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Additional partial funding was provided by the Oregon State Marine Board Boating Facility Grant Program investing fees and marine fuel taxes paid by motorized boaters.

The new aluminum docks will replace 180 feet of wood boarding docks and are scheduled to be installed in November 2026. These new docks will improve safety and reliability while enhancing access for fishermen and visiting boaters.

TAXIWAY A & B REALIGNMENT

The Port is advancing predesign and environmental work for Taxiway A & B improvements at Astoria Regional Airport. This project, identified in the Airport Master Plan, will correct non-standard taxiway geometry and improve operational safety.

The Oregon Department of Aviation is contributing $396,000 for predesign services, which include civil engineering, environmental assessment, wetland investigation, and coordination with FAA and state agencies.

AIRPORT UPGRADES

TERMINAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS. The Port has been engaged in a multiyear effort to upgrade the Astoria Regional Airport terminal building. Exterior work in 2023 and 2024 included exterior painting, a new roof, and replacement of the wrap-around deck, completed through a combination of in-house and contracted labor. Interior improvements followed, including installation of new flooring, updated furniture, and other cosmetic updates. The Port recently utilized a grant from the Oregon Department of Aviation to upgrade the restrooms and kitchen space, including new fixtures and improvements to plumbing, electrical systems, and related infrastructure.

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Open House & Fly-In brought thousands of visitors out to enjoy the event and learn more about aviation. Seeing that level of community interest, particularly among young people, was encouraging.

There is still plenty of work ahead. We will continue investing in our facilities, pursuing redevelopment opportunities, and working to ensure the Port remains an important economic driver for the region. I appreciate the efforts of our staff, the support of our Commission, and the continued involvement of our tenants, partners, and community.

Will Isom
Executive Director, Port of Astoria

THE PORT-OWNED ASTORIA REGIONAL AIRPORT (AST) IS ONE OF THE MOST ACCESSIBLE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS ON THE NORTH OREGON COAST.

OPEN HOUSE & FLY-IN

On August 22, the Astoria Regional Airport welcomed an estimated 3,000 visitors for a vibrant and memorable Airport Open House & Fly-In, transforming the airfield into a full community festival for aviation enthusiasts, families, and first-time airport visitors alike. Attendees explored an impressive mix of static aircraft displays, classic cars, hands-on activities, flight simulators, and educational booths hosted by aviation partners, local agencies, and community organizations.



One of the day's stand-out moments was the P40 Warhawk blank fire demonstration, made possible through generous local sponsorships supporting Soaring by the Sea Foundation's participation. The P40 drew large crowds throughout the day, offering visitors a rare chance to see a historic military aircraft up close. The Port also raffled a unique opportunity for an attendee to participate in the P40 blank fire demo—an experience that brought history to life on the ramp.

Youth engagement was a major highlight. Through the EAA Young Eagles program, 81 kids ages 8–17 took introductory flights over Clatsop County—many experiencing their very first time in the air. Pilots from the local EAA chapter volunteered throughout the day, with registration support and marshaling coordinated alongside airport staff and community volunteers.

The event showcased the airport's essential public safety role as well. U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Astoria and Life Flight Network staffed displays, equipment demonstrations, and meet-and-greet booths.

Anchoring the day were dozens of volunteers, pilots, sponsors, and exhibitors who made the event possible—from classic car groups and robotics clubs to local food vendors and community organizations. Sponsorships covered key costs and ensured the event remained *ENTIRELY FREE TO THE PUBLIC*.

Overall, the 2026 Open House & Fly-In successfully highlighted the airport's value as both a transportation asset and a community gathering place—honoring aviation history, inspiring future pilots, and strengthening connections across Clatsop County.

COMING SOON: DRAG-N-FLY
Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 16 thru 18, 2027!

The Port is developing a concept for a new community event—the first annual Drag-n-Fly—blending aviation, motorsport-style features, and family activities into a new, one-of-a-kind event. More details will be shared as planning continues.

