



Harbor Drive Project Begins

Bingen, Washington – Changes are coming to the Port's Bingen Point Business Park starting September 7, 2010. With the start of the Harbor Drive Improvement Project, a key section of road into the Port's facilities will be closed for an estimated seven weeks. Harbor drive, which runs from Lakeview St. south to the traffic circle will be closed during the project and all traffic will be routed along the west side of Bingen Harbor.

“We recognize this closure will be an inconvenience to our tenants and visitors,” said Marc Thornsby, Executive Director for the Port, “but it is necessary to allow the project contractor to complete the work in a timely fashion and while the weather is still suitable.” The detour will route vehicles east through Marina Park and then south on the old harbor dike road before reconnecting to Bingen Point Way.

To improve safety and reduce traffic congestion, the Port is asking residents and visitors to limit non-essential travel to the Port's facilities and parks located south of the construction zone, including Sailboard Park, during the project. “We urge drivers to take extra care while using the detour,” said Thornsby. “The west side of the Marina Park parking lot will be carrying incoming and outgoing traffic where there is usually none and the old dike road that will be used for access is narrow and unpaved.”

In addition, removal of the traffic circle will require the complete closure of the intersection it serves during the third week of October (estimated). This closure will require that traffic be rerouted along the west side of the Port's facilities for 24 to 48 hours. Signs and other traffic control devices will be used to warn and direct drivers.

At A Glance...

Who:.....Port of Klickitat
What:.....Harbor Drive Project
When:.....Sep.-Oct., 2010
Where:...Bingen Point Bus. Park
Quick Facts:.....Harbor Drive will be closed during construction of the Harbor Drive Improvement Project. Vehicles will be routed east through Marina Park and then south on the old harbor dike road to Bingen Point Way.

About the Port of Klickitat

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84.

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