



Port To Reopen Road

Bingen, Washington – Closed for nearly a year, the Port of Klickitat is expected to reopen its main entrance road August 15, 2011. Originally scheduled for completion in October 2010, the project has been plagued by contractor errors and weather delays that have required motorists to use a detour road through Marina Park much longer than anticipated.

“At times, it seemed like we'd never get it finished,” said Port Commissioner Bill Schmitt. “But good weather finally arrived and we got all of the problems fixed. It took longer than it should have, but in the end we got a quality result and at a lower cost than originally expected. Now it's time to move forward and get the surrounding properties ready to go.”

Known as the Harbor Drive Improvement Project, the first phase was awarded to Granite Northwest Inc. and served to realign a section of road, eliminate a non-functional traffic circle, extend public and franchise utilities to nearly eight acres, and create a fully looped water system.

“We're very glad to see this first part of the project come to an end and eager to begin work on the second part,” said Port Executive Director, Marc Thornsby. “This is something we've been



working toward for several years and it's great to see it begin to take shape. By this time next year, the Bingen Point Business Park will look quite a bit different.” Phase II of the project, awarded to Crestline Construction Co., is expected to begin shortly and will level approximately seven acres of adjacent property in preparation for future development.

In tandem with the completed road improvements, the Port is also changing a few street names at Bingen Point. The currently named Lakeview Blvd. will return to its original name, East Marina Way, the north part of Harbor Dr. will become Larch St., and the south part of Harbor Dr. will become Spruce St. “The Lakeview Blvd. moniker never really stuck,” said Thornsby. “Most

At A Glance...

Who:.....Port of Klickitat
What:.....Harbor Drive Project
When:.....August 15, 2011
Where:...Bingen Point Bus. Park
Quick Facts:.....Port to reopen main entrance road and begin work on the next phase of the project. Phase II will level properties adjacent to the project site that are now fully served.

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people still call it Marina Way, no doubt because the name is simply more fitting for a road that takes you to the marina. As for the old Harbor Drive, it is no longer a single street, so the two segments are getting new names that are consistent with the tree-themed convention used by the City of Bingen for north-south streets.

Funding for the Harbor Drive Improvement Project comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development (USDA-RD) program, the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), Klickitat County, and the Port.

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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