



Port Launches Infrastructure Project

Bingen, Washington – Seeking to build on the success of its Harbor Drive Improvement Project completed in 2011, the Port of Klickitat is launching the second major infrastructure project in as many years. Located at the Port's Bingen Point Business Park, the project is comprised of two parts. The first will extend utilities and Bingen Point Way approximately 850 feet west of Larch St., providing access and services to two additional lots. The second will replace the section of Marina Way east of Larch St. (moving it north of its current location) and extend utilities to the edge of Marina Park in support of the future development of non-Port properties to the east.

“This is the next logical step in the work we're doing to make way for further development at Bingen Point,” said Port Commissioner Bill Schmitt. “However, the project's benefits aren't limited to industry. For example, the new section of Marina Way will improve access to Marina Park now as well as lay the foundation for future parking improvements and the sewer extension will provide a connecting point for a future marina pump-out station.”

In addition to utility and road work, the project will level nearly nine acres of property and improve utility service reliability. It will also move the Port closer to several of its long-term goals including connecting Bingen Point Way directly with Maple St. and providing the road linkage needed to support a future grade-separated railroad crossing east of the Port.

With a total cost estimated at just under \$950,000, the Port will be seeking financial assistance to complete the project. “We are requesting a grant of \$200,000 from dedicated economic development funds administered by Klickitat County as well as a grant of \$150,000 and a low-interest loan of \$280,000 from the state Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB),” said Marc Thornsby, the Port's Executive Director. “The balance of the project will be paid for using funds from the Port's Industrial Development District levy.”

Contingent upon receiving adequate funding, the project is expected to go to bid in late July with construction to be completed this fall, weather permitting. “We're eager to get started and continue our efforts to transform Bingen Point into the business park this community has envisioned for some time,” said Thornsby. “We invite our constituents to come visit the Port and see the changes for themselves.”

At A Glance...

Who:.....Port of Klickitat
What:.....Infrastructure Project
When:.....June 19, 2012
Where:.....Bingen, Wash.
Quick Facts:..The Port seeks to extend utilities and Bingen Point Way to the west and to realign Marina Way. Total cost is expected to be nearly \$950,000 with the Port seeking assistance from Klickitat County and CERB.

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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. More information can be found on the Port's web site at www.portofklickitat.com.

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