



Port Begins Marina Way Work

Bingen, Washington – The Port of Klickitat is expected to begin work on the latest planned improvements to Marina Way as early as next week. The \$77,500 project, awarded to Granite Construction, will level nearly 2,000 lineal feet of roadway east of Maple Street and install a layer of geotextile material (for stability) and one to two inch thick asphalt overlay on top of the existing road surface.

During the period of construction, the contractor will close one lane and control traffic entering the Bingen Point Business Park using flaggers. “We are working with the contractor to keep the construction period to a minimum and adjust working hours to avoid peak traffic periods at the start and end of the work day,” said Port Executive Director Marc Thornsby. “Nevertheless, traffic delays will be unavoidable during the construction period. We ask our tenants and visitors to be patient while we work to correct the problems with Marina Way and to avoid non-essential travel to Bingen Point while construction work is taking place.”

At A Glance...

Who:.....Port of Klickitat
What:..Marina Way Improvement
When:.....October 3, 2013
Where:.....Bingen, Wash.
Quick Facts:..... Granite Const. will begin work on the Marina Way overlay project as early as next week. The project will improve nearly 2,000 lineal feet of the road at a cost of \$77,500.

Work has already begun to improve stormwater management along the existing roadway, a significant factor in the deterioration of the current road surface. “The trees along the south side of the road were planted several inches above the elevation of the road, preventing proper drainage and allowing water to seep into the subgrade of the road,” said Thornsby. A new drainage swale will collect and move water away from the roadbed to help prevent further damage. Plans also call for a compacted gravel walking path located between the swale and the remaining row of trees, allowing pedestrians to move off the road and away from traffic.

The current improvements, combined with the work on the eastern third of Marina Way completed earlier this year, will create a much-improved entrance to the Port's business park as well as Marina Park and the boat launch at Bingen Harbor. “Constituents often ask me where their port tax dollars go,” said Port Commissioner Jim Herman. “This is a perfect example. For years, folks have regularly pointed out the poor condition of Marina Way. The Port has, over the last year, spent nearly \$250,000 to improve this street. That's roughly equal to all of the tax revenue the Port will receive in 2013.” For questions or concerns about the project, contact the Port of Klickitat at 509-493-1655 or port@portofklickitat.com.

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

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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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