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Port to Present Transportation Improvement Plan at Public Hearing

Port of Portland Commissioners will review and receive input on the draft 2016 Port Transportation Improvement Plan (PTIP) at a public hearing on Jan. 13, during the regularly scheduled Commission meeting. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and the hearing will follow discussion of transportation needs and a funding strategy to address passenger and freight mobility in the Portland region.

As a transportation agency reliant on elements of the transportation system developed and managed by others to support its mission, the Port carefully plans its support of projects that will enhance market access for Port customers and businesses in the region and state.

The PTIP identifies, outlines and prioritizes five, 10- and 20-year marine, air, road, rail, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation improvement projects. For the year 2016, 101 projects were identified through transportation studies from master plans, property development and region-wide mobility needs studies conducted by the Port and other local, regional, and state agencies.

Key projects outlined in the plan include a rail overpass at North Rivergate Boulevard in the Rivergate Industrial District, expansion of the Ford export facility at Terminal 6, and intersection improvements at North Columbia Boulevard and Alderwood near Portland International Airport. Priorities identified also include future statewide transportation funding, with another round of Connect Oregon grants, the Federal Transportation Reauthorization bill, and working with Metro and the business community for increased allocation to regional freight needs.

Updated annually and requiring approval by the Port Commission, the PTIP helps prioritize funding requests for obtaining grants and loans. The capital projects funded with these grants and loans help support the Port's mission of providing cost competitive cargo and passenger access to regional, national and international markets.

After the public hearing, the PTIP will be revised if necessary and submitted for Commission approval on Feb. 10. Once approved, the PTIP is provided to Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan. Projects are then considered

for outside funding through the federal, state and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan processes.

Copies of the draft plan are available at:
www2.portofportland.com/Inside/TradeAndTransportation

What: Public Hearing for Port Transportation Improvement Plan

Where: Chinook Room, Port of Portland Headquarters, 7200 NE Airport Way

When: January 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

Who: Open to the public

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Established in 1891 by the Oregon legislature, the Port today owns four marine terminals, three airports (Portland International, Hillsboro, and Troutdale) and five business parks. The mission of the Port is to enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets.