

## 3 Helpful Tips During This Summer Construction Season



*This PDX team is supervising construction activities for the new travel center located at Northeast 82nd and Air Cargo Road, which is expected to open in August.*

Given that the only guaranteed time for good weather in Portland is during the summer – and even that’s not a sure thing! – you can imagine that it’s a busy season for construction at PDX. With so many projects underway, here’s a quick guide to three things you need to know to navigate mall walls and paving projects.

**1. Slow down on Airport Way!** The preferred path to and from PDX is getting some road rehab, as the pavement surface has a significant amount of cracks, which could eventually impact its integrity. The important caveat? In the construction zone, the speed limit will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph and fines will double for drivers with the pedal to the metal.



**2. Get gas at the Travel Center.** The PDX Travel Center at the northwest corner of Northeast 82nd



Avenue and Northeast Air Cargo Road will open in August and features a 7-Eleven gas station and convenience store for easy refills on the way into and out of PDX. A short time later, Taco Bell and Dutch Bros Coffee will open as well, ensuring that you can grab a beverage with your burrito. Be sure to remind friends and family that the adjacent 40 designated cell phone waiting area spots will be paved, striped and ready for parking!

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**3. Terminal balancing has begun.** Early work is underway on Concourse B and will continue through July; you may have noticed the construction “mall walls” up and ceiling tiles down, but all gates will remain operational. Over on Concourse E, the design team is finishing their work on the building as construction on the north apron begins. You’ll notice demolition and fencing around the work area through

the remainder of the year. After this coming winter, we’ll begin construction of the 830-foot Concourse E extension, with a planned opening in the spring of 2020. Fun fact: Placed on its end, the Concourse E extension would be more than 250 feet taller than the tallest building in Portland.

Want to learn more about how we’re planning for the future? Visit [www2.portofportland.com/PDXnext](http://www2.portofportland.com/PDXnext).

## 5 Fun Facts About Curtis Robinhold, the Port’s New Executive Director

On July 1, **Curtis Robinhold** will take the helm as the Port of Portland’s new executive director, guiding the future of PDX. You may have already spotted Curtis in the terminal, as he’s been the Port’s deputy executive director since February 2014, but here are a few fun facts that might still surprise you:

1. Curtis is an Oregon native and grew up in Eugene, where his family still resides. His wife was also raised in Oregon and they have two daughters who are 4 and 6 years old.
2. He spent much of his youth camping and backpacking around Oregon, and his favorites spots include the Wallowa Mountains in Eastern Oregon and the Rogue River in Southern Oregon.
3. Curtis has strong ties to Germany. He spent time there as an exchange student; he was a fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States; and he later commuted to Germany from London for a full year while working for BP, a British multinational oil and gas company.
4. He’s an avid reader and enjoys books about history as well as westerns. One of his favorite books of all time



is “Lonesome Dove,” an extraordinary story of the west and becoming who you are.

5. Children often offer the most candid assessments, and his daughters would say that Curtis is funny and a bad singer. They love riding bikes to the park, working on puzzles and reading together. His daughters would also tell you that they like watching the Ducks and the Timbers together (but, in fairness, they might not care as much as their dad).

## Customer Compliments

“At first when I looked on Yelp, I was like, ‘An airport? 4.5 stars? No way...’ But this place is impressive and probably the best airport I’ve ever been to. All the employees are so kind, the bathrooms are clean and eco-friendly. There is even a piano player serenading you! This is an amazing airport and a really amazing city. Can’t wait to be back!”

Shahd E., Edmond, Okla.

## It’s Shorts Season! Hollywood Theatre Begins Summer Program

The Hollywood Theatre at PDX just launched their summer program with a new set of Oregon-made short films that range in subject from beekeepers and slugs, to power lifters and circus mice. The diverse lineup features filmmakers Alicia J. Rose, Joanna Priestley and Kyle T. Bell, as well as music videos from Mic Crenshaw and Dirty Revival. Look for the program running 24/7 throughout the summer and check out all the details on the PDX Art Blog at [pdxart.portofportland.online](http://pdxart.portofportland.online).

Bob Mould’s music video, “I Don’t Know You Anymore” by Alicia J. Rose is one of the newest additions to the Hollywood Theatre at PDX.



## Did You Know?

Grupo Aeroméxico and Delta Air Lines just announced a new nonstop route (pending government approval) between PDX and Mexico City as part of their new joint cooperation agreement. This has been a target of the PDX Air Services team for almost 10 years and will operate in addition to the current nonstop service to Guadalajara on Volaris. Flights begin Dec. 1, the perfect time to escape Oregon for some sunshine!



## Baby Hawk Gets Lift from PDX Wildlife Team



Our wildlife team recently conducted a “nest intervention” with one of our resident hawk pairs, something typically done before the young raptors attempt to learn to fly and hunt inside the PDX airspace. This relocation required lots of coordination, from renting a lift and gaining access to the construction site to working with partners at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and a raptor care facility in Pendleton, Oregon. The 24-day-old hawk will learn to fly and hunt at the facility before being released and is identified as P/7 if you’re interested in tracking him in the future on our PDX Raptors website: [www.pdxraptors.com](http://www.pdxraptors.com). Thanks to **Casey Kaffka** for posing with this little guy!

## Good Samaritan Honored

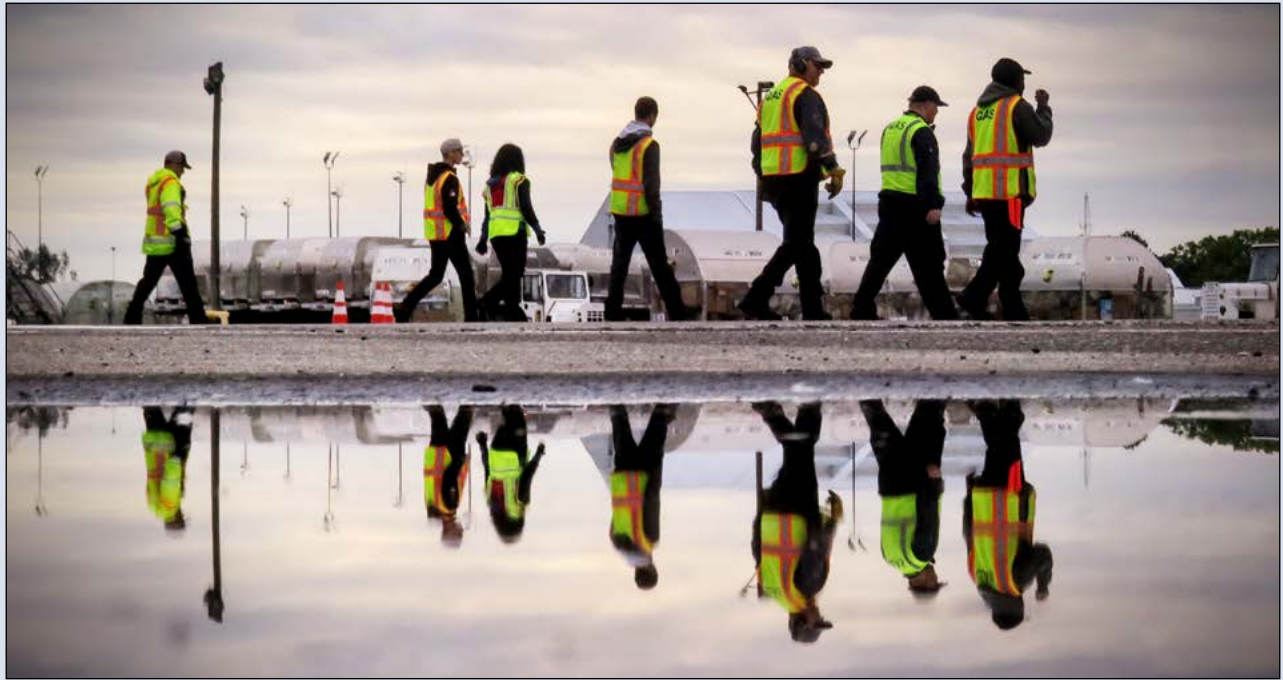
Meet **Adam Inman** (center), a foreman for Sabyr Contractors working on the new Car Rental Quick Turn Around Facility near the PDX parking garage exit plaza. A few weeks ago, Adam encountered Joe, a traveler who had just returned home and was leaving PDX when his car ran out of gas. Even though the construction site had closed for the day, Adam stayed late to help Joe get on his way again. Joe later called PDX customer service to thank Adam and – with help from Hoffman Construction – **Shannon McArthur** (right) tracked Adam down and recognized him for going out of his way to give Joe an outstanding PDXperience. Congratulations, Adam!



## Flybys

We’re pleased to welcome several new employees to the PDX family this month. American Airlines added **Xemina Esparza**, **Robert Grassi** and **Donel Dawkins** at the ticket counter, as well as **Steve Hauseman** and **Jeremy Parker** on the fleet/ramp side. United also has several new ramp employees: **Demond Johnson**, **Nicholas Joneliukstis** and **Joaquin Reyes**.

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Employees of Quanterm Aviation Services, the ground handler for UPS, conduct their daily FOD walk on the aircraft parking ramp. FOD – Foreign Object Debris – are any pieces of trash on airfield surfaces that could interfere with a flight. The employees walk slowly across the ramp, picking up FOD, prior to the day's first arrival.

## 8 Things Carrie Brownstein of “Portlandia” Can’t Travel Without

It’s not unusual to spot Carrie Brownstein, star of IFC’s “Portlandia,” at PDX. While only our team at the TSA checkpoint can tell us exactly what’s in her carry-on, here’s the list she shared with the New York Times.

- Two books
- A Leuchtturm notebook
- Shoes (and Band-aids for blister prevention!)
- A talisman to ward off nervousness about flying
- Crossword puzzles
- Portland Trail Blazers cap
- Comfortable plane wear
- Extra underwear



## Cleanup Crew Turns Up Trash and Treasure

You never know what will turn up at the Port’s twice-annual cleanup events for tenants! Generally speaking, it’s unwanted, large or bulky items that will eventually be reused or recycled by the creative folks on the PDX waste minimization team. But here are just a few of the things that have also been spotted: plastic hats shaped like turkeys, the nose of an airplane, boxes of vintage photos and flight logs from the 1970s. Big thanks to the team that proves a cleanup is no waste of time!



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