

Port of Cascade Locks

The Port of Cascade Locks Town Hall Meeting was held Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Marine Park Pavilion, Cascade Locks, OR 97014.

1. **Meeting called to order/ Pledge of Allegiance:** Commission President Groves called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Groves, Caldwell, Cramblett & Mohr. Commissioner Sullenger was excused.
 - **Others Present:** IGM Paul Koch, Kristi Bengtson, Holly Howell, Melissa Warren, Karen Green, Chris Longpare, Julie Cline, Frank Diana, Ken & Mary Hutton, Bob Sourek, Jason & Mary Mae Sergeant.

3. **Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest:**
Commissioner Caldwell declared a potential conflict of interest commenting that her husband works at the bridge.

4. **Presentation by Staff of proposed Bridge of the Gods Toll Increase:**
IGM Koch reviewed (**Exhibit A**) Draft Toll Policy regarding Trucks and heavy vehicles.

IGM Koch reviewed (**Exhibit B**) Preliminary Draft Bridge of the Gods 10 year Operations and Maintenance Program.

IGM Koch reviewed (**Exhibit C**) Bridge of the Gods Projected Revenue.

IGM Koch reviewed (**Exhibit D**) Bridge of the Gods projected revenue (budget year 2014-2015).

IGM Koch commented that the Commission has held several work sessions & meetings regarding this issue and is now prepared to take public comment.

Commissioner Groves explained the background of how the Port got to this point; he reviewed the Bridge repair project, the funding and 10 year maintenance plan.

5. **Public Comment & Testimony:**
Public testimony was given regarding the "annual pass". Julie Cline presented the Commission with 4 letters (**Exhibit E**) asking the Commission to reverse their decision regarding the annual pass.

Commission discussion regarding the annual pass.

Public comment regarding increasing toll for trucks: Bob Sourek asked the Commission to consider a local rate for local trucking companies.

COMMISSIONER MOHR MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL PASS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2014 FOR \$25.00, SO THE COMMISSION CAN CONSIDER HOW TO MOVE FORWARD. COMMISSIONER CALDWELL SECONDED

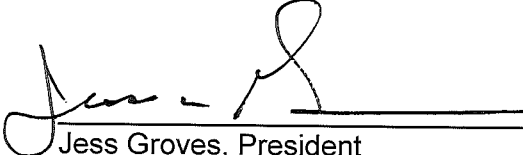
THE MOTION. Motion passed unanimously by Commissioners Groves, Mohr, Caldwell & Cramblett.

6. **Recess/Adjournment:**
COMMISSIONER CALDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER MOHR SECONDED THE MOTION. Motion passed unanimously by Commissioners Groves, Mohr, Caldwell & Cramblett.


Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Port of Cascade Locks:

Attest:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission



Joenne Caldwell, Secretary
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: 2/13/14
Prepared by: Kristi Bengtson

Discussion Draft Toll Policy Regarding Trucks and heavy vehicles.

For discussion and public comment only

Introduction: In order to keep the Bridge of the Gods in a high level of repair and safety, the Port Commission establishes this policy to ensure sufficient funding is generated and that the Bridge Preservation, Repair and Replacement Fund has sufficient funding to properly maintain the BOG so as to retain its 80,000 lb. rating.

Effective Date: This policy shall become effective on April 1, 2014.

Policy:

Tolls shall be charged at the Bridge of the Gods according to the following policy.

1. Dual wheeled vehicles, Motor Homes, \$2.00 per axle
trucks, buses, and commercial trailers

THIS IS A DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY AND IS BASED ON COMMISSION DISCUSSION TO DATE.

Preliminary Draft
10 Year Bridge O and M
October 17, 2013

PRELIMINARY DRAFT
Bridge of the Gods 10 year
Operations and Maintenance Program

Introduction: As a part of the Addendum Agreement with ODOT regarding the repairs to the Bridge of the Gods, ODOT will be assisting the Port develop a 10 Year O and M program for the bridge. This first draft is a result of HNTB providing their assessment of what needs to be done on the bridge to keep it in good operating condition over the next 10 years. HNTB pulled from their knowledge of the BOG, the HNTB work on the Hood River Bridge and its maintenance program as well as the HNTB knowledge of bridges in general.

This is a rough draft for discussion and refinement purposes and to assist in the process of determining the tolls to be charged at the BOG.

THE 10 YEAR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Work Elements: (The work to be done)

Deck welding and repair	Guard rail repair and replacement
Deck replacement	Bridge electrical system upgrades
Replacement of additional clips	Stringer welds to deck
Toll Booth automation	4 gussets related to SHDV
Toll Booth structural enhancements	Repainting
Gusset work/repair	Repairs to floor beams and trusses
Concrete deck repair	Substructure concrete patch/repair
Signage enhancements	Lighting improvements
Entrance road and access roads	Expansion joint cleaning
Underwater enhancements	Engineering work

Estimated annual expenditure: \$250,000 to \$300,000. Annually

Draft document. Full plan details will be worked out over the next few months.

Bridge of the Gods Projected Revenue

Budgeted Toll Revenue 13-14	\$1,301,130.00
Toll Revenue Divided by 12 months	\$108,427.50

Actual

July-13	\$	142,786.00
August-13	\$	137,293.00
September-13	\$	112,927.00
October-13	\$	104,774.00
November-13	\$	81,379.00
December-13	\$	72,778.00

Projected

January-14	\$	85,000.00
February-14	\$	89,000.00
March-14	\$	100,000.00
April-14	\$	115,000.00
May-14	\$	145,000.00
June-14	\$	155,000.00

Projected Total	\$	<u>1,340,937.00</u>
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Bridge of the Gods Projected Revenue Budget Year 2014 - 2015

Projected		
July-14	\$	165,000.00
August-14	\$	160,000.00
September-14	\$	150,000.00
October-14	\$	130,000.00
November-14	\$	108,000.00
December-14	\$	95,000.00
January-15	\$	95,000.00
February-15	\$	98,000.00
March-15	\$	110,000.00
April-15	\$	110,000.00
May-15	\$	135,000.00
June-15	\$	146,000.00
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Projected Total	\$	<u>1,502,000.00</u>

January 22, 2014

Cascade Locks Port Commission
355 WaNaPa Street
Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014

RE: Bridge of the Gods - Annual Bridge Pass

Dear Commissioners,

We, the undersigned, are 2013 Bridge of the Gods annual pass holders. It is understood that you are considering eliminating the annual pass starting in 2014. We write to urge you to continue the pass. Many of us travel across the bridge multiple times a day for work or otherwise, and the pass is important and valuable to each of us. Please do not place an undue financial burden on those few locals that purchase the pass each year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie L. Cline
Stevenson, Washington

Frank Diana
Stevenson, Washington

Karen Green
Stevenson, Washington

Chris Longphre
Stevenson, Washington

Andi Weber
Stevenson, Washington

Kim Brigham
Cascade Locks, Oregon

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RE: Bridge of the Gods - Annual Bridge Pass

Dear Port Commissioners,

My husband and I are residents of Stevenson, Washington and we are both employed, full-time, in Oregon. As a result, we travel over the Bridge of the Gods four times per day, five days per week.

As you can imagine, the annual bridge pass is very valuable to us. I write to urge you to reconsider the elimination of the annual bridge pass.

I understand that the Port Commission is presently facing considerable expense for the bridge's construction. However, it seems that the revenue generated from the elimination of the pass is quite small as compared to the total construction expense. Furthermore, the impact on those few locals who purchase the pass is large, particularly for those families that purchase more than one pass.

Please do not eliminate the annual pass for 2014.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

PHILLIPS REYNIER SUMERFIELD & CLINE


Julie L. Cline

Cascade Locks Port Commission

355 WaNaPa Street

Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is regarding the Bridge of the Gods annual pass change effective Feb 2014. The purposed elimination of the annual pass will negatively affect my entire family. This would make all annual pass holders pay each time they cross the bridge. I am writing to not only urge you to continue the pass but to register my discontent with this proposal. This decision is short sided. My husband and I travel across the bridge multiple times a day for work every day. I am an upstanding community member of Stevenson with a professional job. I spend the money I make in the town of Stevenson contributing to the local economy. This change would not only greatly affect my family but my ability to support local businesses.

This change would cost my family an additional \$600 a year. The commissioners need to understand that the change they are purposing would negatively effect those who work in OR and live in WA as well as the local businesses. This change would decrease commerce and population. Those thinking of living or moving to WA would have to budget an additional \$600 a year in order to do so. I do not support this short sided decision. Please do not place an undue financial burden on my family and all community members in WA.

Sincerely,


Karen Green

Cascade Locks Port Commission

355 WaNaPa Street

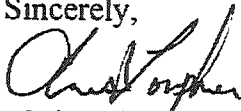
Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014

Dear Commissioners,

The purposed change of the annual pass will greatly affect my entire family. My wife and I travel across the bridge multiple times a day to make an income. This change would cost my family an additional \$600 a year. The commissioners need to understand that the change they are purposing would negatively effect those who work in OR and live in WA as well as the local businesses. I do not support this short-sided decision.

It is not fair to place an undue financial burden on the WA community because you did not budget well to fix the bridge.

Sincerely,



Christopher Longphre