

Port of Cascade Locks
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PORT NEWS RELEASE

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission has hired former state Representative Mark Johnson as the Port Government Affairs Manager. Mark will carry out the Ports active lobbying program during the 2019 Oregon legislative session.

The Port Commission is pleased to have acquired the services of Mark Johnsons and to be able to take full advantage of his background and experience in Salem.

Mark brings to the Port seven years of service as an elected legislator. During his legislative service he developed a strong reputation as an effective policy maker and sponsored key pieces of economic development and public education legislation. Most recently he was instrumental in helping the Port of Hood River secure the public contract language and preliminary funding they needed to be able to move forward with their bridge replacement project. As Government Affairs Manager, Mark will lead POCL efforts to influence legislation to benefit the Port and the community of Cascade Locks. He will also provide valuable input on the creation of a communications strategy to assist the POCL in accomplishing its goals and objectives. "I want to thank the Port President and Commission for inviting me to be a part of the team" said Johnson. "I look forward to an exciting future for the Cascade Locks community." Part of Marks job will be to use his experience to help further the Ports 2019 legislative priorities. (See Priorities attached).

Port Commission
ADOPTED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS
[Adopted by the Port Commission on July 19, 2018]

1. **Business Park Flex # 5 building \$2 million** (in addition to Pfreim) (Might possibly be for Renewal Workshop or other new opportunity)
2. **State Airport Enhancements \$3 million**: Strongly encouraging the State to make Feasibility Study identified enhancements such as lengthening and widening the runway (safety issues) install hangars, runway lighting, proper rest rooms, new fencing, signage and a landing monitoring system to track levels of use.
3. **\$1.9 million from Christmas Tree Fund for critical improvements**:
 - A. \$500,000 and historic preservation elements in Marine Park.
 - B. \$500,000 for painting, roofing, repairs for House 3, Café, Pavilion, Museum, House 2.
 - C. \$900,000 to do initial engineering and planning for BOG bicycle- pedestrian crossing to significantly enhance public safety.
 - These projects would benefit local contractors, help to preserve local history and generally assist the local economy.
4. **Financing the new Pony Building**: Funding for the engineering and architecture for the proposed new Pony Building. (Current plans are to implement a comprehensive private fund raising effort to pay for both Museum enhancements and the new Pony Building.)
5. **WaNaPa and Toll Booth Road traffic circle**: \$1.72 million.
6. **Marine Park Overcrossing \$4.5 million**. Connection to historic highway, federal lands and ties to ODOT bike pedestrian pathway Troutdale to Hood River.
7. **Financial support to keep pre-school** class in CL strengthening economic development \$300,000.
 - A. Write letters in support.
 - B. Support at the legislature.