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Reminder: WRDA update webinar this Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

We've canceled our 2020 Summer Conference, but don't want you to miss out on the information we all need to help address and understand the issues of the day. So we are delivering it online instead!

WRDA 2020: AN UPDATE

Edward McGlone

Director of Pacific Northwest Policy for Chairman Peter DeFazio
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Thursday, June 4

10:30 a.m. PDT

Already registered? Please note the time change!

[Register here](#)



Funding our region's waterways infrastructure projects is of vital importance to PNWA members, and the Water Resources Development Act - the legislative authorizing vehicle for U.S. Army Corps civil works projects and policies – is one of the key components. Please welcome Edward McGlone as he provides us an update on the provisions, status and path forward of this year's WRDA.

In his role, Edward is the policy lead on issues affecting the Pacific Northwest and the primary point of contact for local governments, state agencies, and private sector companies in the region. Edward also leads the Committee's efforts to combat climate change and adapt the transportation sector.

Edward brings more than a decade of experience in public policy and transportation, including work as a senior executive at public transit agencies on the west coast. An alumnus of Willamette University and a native Oregonian, Edward enjoys pinot noir, hoppy beers, and global travel.

Welcome new member Cowlitz County

Rich in history, industry, natural beauty, and home of the Monticello Convention of 1852, [Cowlitz County](#) - "the Land of Six Rivers" - is where Washington Territory was born. With a balanced blend of rural and urban environments, most residents of Cowlitz County live about an hour from Mt. St. Helens, the Pacific Coast, and Portland OR, providing a unique quality of life.

Cowlitz County's representatives to PNWA are Public Works Director [Mike Moss](#) and County Engineer [Susan Eugenis](#).



Public-private ground-breaking at Skagit Regional Airport



**Port of
Skagit**

A small group of supportive stakeholders held a ceremonial ground-breaking May 26 for a new, privately-owned hangar project at the Port of Skagit's Skagit Regional Airport.

The public-private partnership of two separate buildings each housing 10 new T-hangars will fulfill a significant need in the local and regional aviation community. The Port provided ground preparation for the project, while Dyberg Aviation will assume building costs and subsequent ownership of the structures.

[Read all about it here](#)

MARAD offers FEMA cloth face coverings

The Maritime Administration, working with the

Maritime Sector Coordination Council, requested and received [reusable cloth face coverings](#) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as part of a multi-prong approach to keep essential businesses working while continuing to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

You may have already received a similar request from the Maritime Sector Coordinating Council via a maritime association within its membership. If so, please DO NOT resubmit your request for reusable cloth face coverings.



[Requests for face coverings may be made here](#)

Your request should address short-term needs only for critical essential function personnel to include: labor and stevedores, port security workers, drayage truck drivers, and administrative workers. Please continue to pursue procurement for the expanded workforce through the open market.

Please estimate the TOTAL number of reusable cloth masks in increments of 500 masks needed for your entire port workforce (regardless of employer relationship). Please look at the needs for of all employee types (Labor/Stevedores, Security, Drayage and Administration) when describing this TOTAL number.

PLEASE RESPOND BY MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020.

Orders will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Stephanie Supko, Sealift Operations and Emergency Response at stephanie.supko@dot.gov or 202-738-2536 or Travis Black, Office of Ports & Waterways Planning at travis.black@dot.gov or 202-366-9087 if you have additional questions.

WCIT: COVID impacts on Washington's trade economy



Washington Council on
International Trade

The World Trade Organization predicts global goods trade will decrease by up to 32% due to COVID-19.

In their newest research, the Washington Council on International Trade examines the economic slowdown on Washington state's top trade partners and its implications for the state's economy.

The report offers specific policy recommendations to help mitigate the negative impacts of the virus on the Washington State trade-reliant economy.

[Read the report here](#)

