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Port of Whitman County offers May Snake River family fun



In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Port of Whitman County is modifying the format of its [2021 Snake River Family Festival](#).

The festival will take place throughout the month of May, offering fun on the river while keeping attendees socially distanced. The first 500 registrants can pick up free ice cream and festival goody bags at the Boyer Park Store any time during store hours in May.

The goody bags will contain river-related activities and memorabilia, including a commemorative Columbia-Snake River System poster, salmon life cycle board game, and crossword puzzle that leads you

along the 3.5-mile Snake River Trail with river facts at each interpretive sign. The port will also offer custom printed festival tote bags and frisbees.

Please help share the word about this year's festival with your constituents and customers.

House T&I Committee to accept Members' project requests

From a House Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Chair of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) announced the Committee will provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to submit requests for highway and transit project designations.

The new submission allows more direct Member engagement on critical infrastructure projects that are consistent with State and local infrastructure plans.



The Committee encourages Members to work with their State and local transportation and transit agencies and other planning organizations to identify projects that will help advance the goals of the legislation, which include building a safer transportation network, increasing access, strengthening our multi-modal transportation systems, reducing carbon pollution, enhancing environmental justice, supporting underserved communities, and improving state of good repair of our Nation's infrastructure.

The Committee will require all Member submissions to include the following information for each project requested:

- Documentation of whether the project is on the State, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program; and on the metropolitan transportation improvement program, if applicable
- Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project beyond the amount requested
- Letter(s) of support from the State department of transportation, or local government, transit agency, or other non-Federal sponsor
- A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project
- Project phase (e.g. Planning, Final Design, Construction)
- NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement)
- Status of environmental review
- Whether the project has received Federal funding previously, and if so the source and amount
- Certification that the Member, their spouse, and other immediate family members do not have a financial interest in the project

The Committee will hold a Member Day hearing April 14, 2021, to receive testimony from Members of Congress about their policy priorities.

Sea-Tac selected for FAA drone detection/mitigation tests

The Federal Aviation Administration has selected the Port of Seattle's Seattle-Tacoma International Airport as one of five airports nationwide to evaluate technologies and systems that could detect and mitigate potential



safety risks posed by unmanned aircraft.

The research will lead to the implementation of new technologies that will make airports safer for passengers and manned aircraft.

Researchers plan to [test and evaluate at least 10 technologies or systems](#) at

these airports. Testing will begin later this year and continue through 2023. It will create standards for future unmanned aircraft detection and mitigation technologies at airports around the country.

The [FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018](#) requires the agency to ensure that technologies used to detect or mitigate potential risks posed by unmanned aircraft do not interfere with safe airport operations. The FAA does not support the use of counter-UAS systems by any entities other than federal departments with explicit statutory authority to use this technology, including requirements for extensive coordination with the FAA to ensure safety risks are mitigated.

I-5 Bridge Replacement Program offers March public meetings

All who are interested in the bi-state [Interstate Bridge Replacement program](#) may participate in public [meetings](#) in March for the [Executive Steering Group](#), [Community Advisory Group](#) and [Equity Advisory Group](#).



Current program work is focused on updating the transportation problems that a solution must address and regional perspectives on values that will be used to evaluate replacement alternatives and identify a preferred solution for replacing the Interstate Bridge. Public meetings are important opportunities for members of the community to share their feedback as program work moves forward to identify a bridge replacement solution that best serves the complex needs of the wide variety of travelers.

Advisory group meetings will be hosted in Zoom and live streamed on [YouTube](#), and those without internet access will have the option to call in to listen to the meetings. Closed captioning will be available for all meetings.

Anyone interested in the program is invited to visit www.interstatebridge.org to learn more about opportunities to engage and provide input, [sign up](#) to receive a monthly e-newsletter and program updates, or connect with the program on social media ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)).

FEMA seeks applications for variety of grant programs

FEMA opened the application process for a variety of preparedness grant programs last week. Bree



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Rabourn of Sen. Patty Murray's office was kind enough to link the name of each grant program to their corresponding [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) page that also includes the NOFOs for each. Bree also provided the [attached document](#) that gives a brief overview of each grant program.

The deadline for all of these opportunities is May 14, 2021.

[Homeland Security Grant Program](#)

- State Homeland Security Program
- Urban Area Security Initiative
- Operation Stonegarden

[Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#)

[Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program](#)

[Intercity Bus Security Grant Program](#)

[Intercity Passenger Rail \(Amtrak\) Program](#)

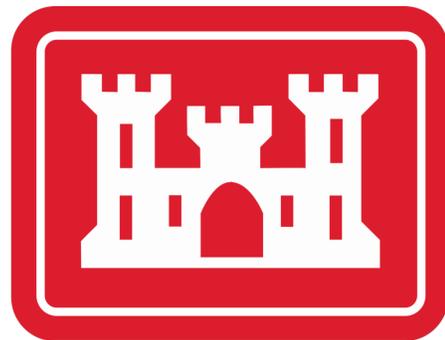
[Port Security Grant Program](#)

[Transit Security Grant Program](#)

[Emergency Management Performance Grant](#)

Corps schedules WRDA implementation stakeholder sessions

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a series of listening sessions to collect input and recommendations on development of implementation guidance for any provision contained in the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA 2020). The Stakeholder Sessions were announced Monday in [the Federal Register](#).



The purpose of the listening sessions is to enable stakeholders and other interested parties to provide input on provisions that may require implementation guidance. Stakeholders with interests in a specific USACE mission area are encouraged to participate in the session aligned with that mission area; however, comments on any provision will be heard at every session. USACE encourages participants to share their thoughts and comments on any problems, challenges, impacts or other factors they see as being critical for consideration during the development of implementation guidance.

The Stakeholder Sessions will take place virtually from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on the following dates:

- March 16 - Navigation (Inland and Coastal) provisions.
- March 23 - Flood and Coastal Storm Risk Damage provisions.
- March 30 - Ecosystem Restoration and Nuisance Species provisions.
- April 6 – Water Supply and Hydropower provisions.
- April 13 – Open comments for any provision.
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The [webex/teleconferences](#) may be joined five minutes prior to the scheduled 10 a.m.

PDT start time. Attendees may also call in at 844-800-2712 and use Access Code 199 937 4287 when prompted.

USACE is also accepting stakeholder comments on WRDA 2020 implementation guidance during the ongoing 60-day comment period that ends May 7, 2021, via the following methods:

- [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: WRDA2020@usace.army.mil. Include ID No. COE-2021-0002 in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-P 3F91, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G St NW, Washington, DC 20314.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Due to security requirements, we cannot receive comments by hand delivery or courier.

Information about how to submit comments [can be found here](#). The list of WRDA 2020 provisions [can be found here](#).

For questions related to the stakeholder sessions, please contact Mr. Gib Owen at 571-274-1929 or gib.a.owen.civ@mail.mil, or Ms. Amy Frantz at 202-761-0106 or WRDA2020@usace.army.mil.

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