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Welcome new member American Cruise Lines

Cruise Close To Home™ with [American Cruise Lines](#), the leader in U.S. River & Coastal cruising and the largest cruise line in the U.S. with the newest and most environmentally friendly fleet of 100 to 200 passenger ships. American's cruises visit 30



states in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast, and the Mississippi River regions. The Line has over 35 itineraries, ranging from 5 to 22 days in length, and has been consistently recognized for providing personalized service aboard the finest ships. With 30 years of experience in cruising, American Cruise Lines exceeds the expectations of the most seasoned and sophisticated traveler. Year after year, it is the most awarded U.S. cruise line.

Director of Marine Operations Capt. Scott Bauby will represent American Cruise Lines to PNWA and its members. Scott can be reached at [203-824-1591](tel:203-824-1591) or scott.bauby@americancruiselines.com.

Thank you new Summer Conference sponsors

Thank you to our newest [PNWA 2021 Summer Conference](#) sponsors for their generous support:

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Additional sponsorships are available. Increase your organization's visibility to our members, partners and friends while supporting PNWA's advocacy efforts. [Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels](#) are available. Sign up online when you register for the conference or [contact Randi Besser](#).

Farewell to Portland District's Kevin Brice



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Portland District hosted a hybrid in-person and online retirement ceremony June 4 for former Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Kevin Brice. PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira represented our members and staff at the ceremony.

Kevin was district DPM since 2007. He provided leadership in managing scope, quality, cost, budgets and schedules of all district projects. He directed all civil works management activities, including program and budget development, execution and reprogramming. He was responsible for all civil works planning functions, including plan formulation, economics and environmental resources.

It has truly been our pleasure to partner with Kevin over the past 14 years. Portland District is viewed as a national leader when it comes to navigation project execution, and Kevin's leadership is one reason why.

Kevin went the extra mile to ensure PNWA members understand the Corps' authorities, capabilities and limitations - and especially where the money begins and ends. These kinds of discussions aren't always easy, especially when Kevin has been tasked with delivering challenging news. But they have yielded major successes, like a deeper Columbia River channel, new lock gates, a major rehabilitation of our Columbia River jetties, and countless achievements in maintaining our smaller coastal projects on the Oregon Coast and Southwest Washington.

We particularly appreciated Kevin's leadership and communication during emergency situations, ensuring our members had the information needed to make timely and intelligent decisions to protect their assets and customers.

Kevin believes in the Corps, in his employees, and in the value of Portland District's projects. We could not have asked for a better partner for the past 14 years. We wish him, Peggy, and his entire family the very best as they head off to new adventures!

House T&I Committee releases Surface Transportation Bill

Chairman Peter DeFazio and colleagues on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure introduced the “[Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America \(INVEST in America\) Act](#),” on June 4. This \$547 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill will be marked up by the committee on June 9. The legislative language that includes the individual Member Designated Projects will be released prior to the mark up.



The INVEST in America Act focuses on maintenance of existing roads and bridges while investing substantially in passenger rail, public transit, cycling and walking infrastructure, and zero-emission options. The bill mirrors the Administration’s themes in the American Jobs Plan of sustainability, addressing climate change and resiliency, promoting domestic manufacturing, and equity through targeting investments in rural and underserved communities.

To view the fact sheet, click [here](#).

To view the bill text, click [here](#).

To view the section by section summary, click [here](#).

To view the updated bill text with the list of Member Designated Projects, click [here](#).

MARAD announces America's Marine Highways funding



The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced the availability of \$10.8 million in grant funding for the America’s Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The AMHP’s purpose is to encourage the use of America’s 25,000 miles of navigable waterways. It provides an efficient, sustainable and cost-effective transportation system – alleviating road congestion, reducing carbon dioxide, and supporting job employment within local communities.

The AMHP supports the increased use of our inland waterways to relieve landside congestion, provide new and efficient transportation options and increase the productivity of the surface transportation system.

Marine highways are all-water routes, often running alongside or near major highways. The AMHP helps to further integrate coastal and inland waterways into our transportation system, providing alternate options to traditional shipping methods. The increased movement of freight by water is also essential to achieving greenhouse gas reductions, as it requires less energy and releases fewer emissions than other options.

Only Marine Highway Projects previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation are eligible to receive funding under the AMHP.

Applications for the grants are due by 5:00 P.M. EDT on June 25, 2021. Additional information is available [in the Federal Register here](#) or by contacting Fred Jones, Office of Ports and Waterways Planning, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-1123 or Fred.Jones@dot.gov.

FHWA offers State Freight Planning Toolkit workshops

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Freight Management and Operations invites you to register for a virtual workshop on the development of the State Freight Planning (SFP) Toolkit.



FHWA is developing a variety of comprehensive tools to help States update their freight plans and we need your input. There will be four regional workshops. These workshops will:

- Introduce the toolkit and resources to State Departments of Transportation.
- Share notable practices and lessons learned.
- Solicit feedback on the resources through interactive discussion sessions.

West Region Workshop

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming
Thursday, June 17
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. PDT

If you are unable to attend the workshop scheduled for your region, please feel free to register for a workshop for one of the other regions.

[Register here](#) for a SFP Toolkit Virtual Workshop.

FHWA will share connection information prior to the event.

Contact Tiffany Julien (Tiffany.Julien@dot.gov; 202-366-9241) for general questions. Contact DJ Mason (DJ.Mason@dot.gov; 617-494-3968) for technical and registration questions.

For more information about the Freight Professional Capacity Building, contact Tamiko Burnell at Tamiko.Burnell@dot.gov

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