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## T&I reconciliation package includes \$2.5 billion in port funding

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Matt Leasure, Director of Pacific Northwest Policy for the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, shared with us that there is \$2.5 billion in the T&I portion of reconciliation, which passed out of Committee on Sept. 15, for port infrastructure and supply chain resilience. See section 110026 in [this linked document](#). The funding proposal still has to pass the Senate.

PNWA is monitoring the reconciliation of the infrastructure package, and will share more information as we learn it.



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## PNWA mourns former Port of Whitman County commissioner John Love

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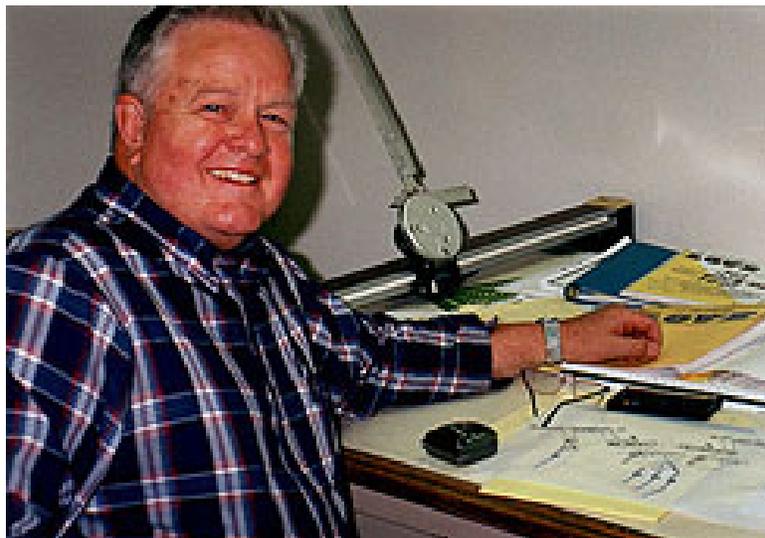
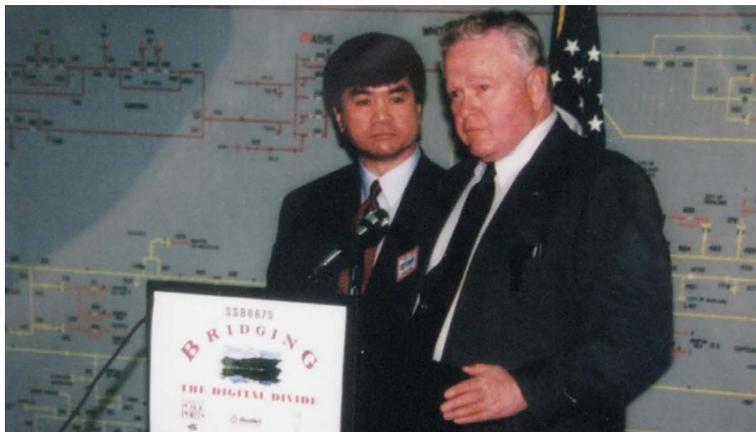
We were saddened to learn of the passing of former Port of Whitman County Commissioner John Love. John was the port's longest-serving commissioner, with more than 24 years of service.

Love's leadership contributed to several of the Port's major achievements, including the development of Pullman Industrial Park and Port of Whitman Business Air Center, receipt of legal authority for ports to build telecommunications infrastructure, and vast improvements to Boyer Park & Marina.

John was also a tireless advocate for our Pacific Northwest waterways as a whole. A retired United States Navy Reserve rear admiral, he served as secretary, vice president and president of the Washington Public Ports Association, as well as on the PNWA Board of Directors. For his contributions, PNWA awarded him our Distinguished Service Award in 2018.

John was known for a particular quote, "It is not your presence that is noted, it is your absence." John Love's presence made PNWA better and our region's waterways stronger, and he will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. We extend our sympathies to his family and port colleagues at this difficult time.

*John's memorial service will be at the Garfield, WA middle school at 1 p.m. on*







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