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Senators Cantwell, Murray, Booker, and Markey introduce new national transportation bill

Senators Cantwell, Murray, Markey, and Booker introduced a new bill today that would authorize the Department of Transportation to create a national multimodal freight network plan. The bill would aim to boost the economic competitiveness of the U.S. by increasing the connectivity of the existing national freight system and emphasizing "last mile" connections. The Secretary would have three years from the passage of the act to designate the freight network using data from the States on freight movement and supply chains as well as input from stakeholders, ports, State, local and tribal governments, and railroads. Once established, the network would need to be redesignated every ten years.

In order to achieve the goals of the act, the bill provides \$2B every year through 2021 for the upgrade and upkeep of the network. These funds will be accessible through a grant process for states, tribes, local governments, and regional transportation authorities such as ports. The grants will have a cost share element and would be used to upgrade facilities and transportation networks that are part of the national network in order to ease congestion and increase safety, capacity and reliability.

In order to be eligible for these grants, each state must create a State Freight Advisory committee that will serve as a forum for advising the state on transportation issues and

developing the state freight plan for their portion of the national network. The state plan can be integrated into an existing statewide transportation plan and will be a 10 year forecast of the state's transportation outlook and probable needs that will be used to identify funding requirements. The committee will be made up of a balanced group of public and private freight stakeholders that are representative of all freight transportation modes.

PNWA is proud to support this bill which will allow for increased funding of key transportation networks and ensures that navigation and freight stakeholders will be represented throughout the process. PNWA will keep you updated on the progress of this bill as it moves forward. For more information the complete text of the bill can be viewed at Senator Cantwell's website, [here](#).

Newhouse-Herrera Beutler hydro amendment passes House

An amendment to H.R.2042 introduced by Washington Representatives Newhouse and Herrera Beutler was passed from the House by a voice vote yesterday. The amendment directs the EPA to recognize hydropower as a renewable resource. PNWA has been a long supporter of hydropower and is very pleased this amendment will recognize the clean energy produced by the Columbia and Snake river dams. For more information, view the press release, [here](#).

Job Openings

Port of Coos Bay Job Announcements

Port of Coos Bay has 2 new positions available, please see the postings below for additional information.

Marina Operations Administrator

The Port of Coos Bay is actively seeking to hire a Marina Operations Administrator. The Marina Operations Administrator will assist the Harbormaster in managing operations, maintenance activities, and personnel at the Charleston Marina Complex. This person will serve as the direct supervisor for the security department, act as the project manager for contracted maintenance and development projects, be responsible of the procurement of supplies and equipment, and be heavily involved with customer service. Additional information regarding the position and its requirements is posted at <http://portofcoosbay.com/employ.htm>

Port Development Project Manager

The Port of Coos Bay is also seeking to hire a Port Development Project Manager who will be responsible for coordinating and completing projects assigned by the Director of Port

Development. This position will coordinate with Port staff, consultants, engineers, contractors, and stakeholders to ensure projects achieve the desired outcomes and are completed to specification, schedule, and budget. Additional information regarding the position and its requirements is posted at <http://portofcoosbay.com/employ.htm>

PNWA welcomes new members

Since 1985, [Evergreen Engineering, Inc.](#) has been committed to providing innovative industrial engineering, design, consulting, and construction solutions for a variety of industries. Their ability to understand the needs of their clients goes hand-in-hand with their knowledge of industry processes. They have a long list of satisfied clients because they have created a dynamic team with the technical depth to facilitate a diverse range of successful waterways projects. Within PNWA, the firm will be represented by Aaron Edwards, who can be reached by email at aedwards@eeeug.com.

For over 65 years, clients have trusted [Gibbs & Olson](#) for their professional engineering and land surveying needs. As you work to make your community a better place, they can partner with you to help plan, fund, design and implement your industrial site development, water, wastewater, stormwater, and transportation projects. Gibbs & Olson is committed to providing responsive and collaborative project delivery to their clients. They value their client relationships and their principals and key personnel are involved in day-to-day project management. This ensures their clients receive consistent communication and the most qualified level of service. They believe positive collaboration occurs through cooperation and open, honest and frequent communication throughout each project. Their port experience includes working with Camas-Washougal, Chehalis, Grays Harbor, Kalama and Longview. To find out more about how Gibbs & Olson can help you, visit their website at www.gibbs-olson.com or contact them at contactus@gibbs-olson.com or by calling 360.425.0991. Within PNWA, the firm is being represented by Rich Gushman, who can be reached by email at rgushman@gibbs-olson.com.

[Morrow County Grain Growers](#) has been serving Agriculture from the heart of the beautiful Pacific Northwest since the early 1930's. Morrow County Grain Growers is a progressive marketing and farm supply cooperative providing grain marketing, and storage at 7 locations, including 2 barge loading facilities on the Columbia River. Their Farm supply departments include bulk fuel and propane. Their farm equipment dealerships provide service, sales, and parts from Lexington, and Wasco Oregon. They have two Agronomy locations, lone and Wasco, Oregon to provide crop nutrients, seed and crop protection products. They have four Napa auto parts stores located at Boardman, Umatilla, Wasco, and Lexington, Oregon. The Green Feed Store located in Heppner, Oregon has livestock feed, fencing supplies, nursery items and clothing. They

currently serve seven counties in Oregon and two in Washington. Their 65 full time employees serve over 600 cooperative members. Within PNWA, Morrow County Grain Growers is being represented by John Ripple, who can be reached by email at johnr@mcgg.net.

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