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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) today [announced](#) nearly \$450 million in newly available grant funding for port-related projects through the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)—by far the largest investment in the program ever. These grants can help ports expand capacity and improve the movement of goods through our nation's supply chains.

This funding is made possible through President Biden's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) and is nearly double last year's investment in PIDP for states and port authorities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will invest \$17 billion in ports and waterways.

PIDP grants are awarded on a competitive basis to support projects that will improve the movement of goods to, through and around ports. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also calls upon applicants to explore ways to include projects that will improve goods movement while also strengthening resilience, reducing emissions and advancing environmental justice.

PIDP grant applications are due May 16, 2022. For more information, visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants> or email PIDPgrants@dot.gov.

[Read the full MARAD press release.](#)

Interstate Bridge Replacement hosts Black History Month Roundtable Feb. 25



The Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) program is hosting a virtual roundtable discussion on Feb. 25, 5:30 – 7 p.m., for Black History Month. The discussion will focus on the impact that large infrastructure programs have had on Black communities throughout American history. Panelists will share their lived experiences with and reflections on how public infrastructure programs have historically impacted Black communities and the importance of elevating equity-focused practices into projects like the IBR program.

The panelists are:

- JoAnn Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner, and IBR Executive Steering Group member
- Ed Washington, Director of Outreach & Community Engagement in Global Diversity & Inclusion for Portland State University and IBR program Community Advisory Group co-chair
- Jasmine Tolbert, Vancouver NAACP President, and IBR Community Advisory Group member
- Dr. Roberta Hunte, Assistant Professor at Portland State University and IBR program Equity Advisory Group facilitator
- Greg Johnson, IBR Program Administrator
- Johnell Bell, IBR program Principal Equity Officer
- Millicent Williams, facilitator of the IBR program Executive Steering Group and facilitator of this discussion

Virtual seating will be limited to 40 participants (not including IBR program staff). To ensure we center equity, seats will be reserved for BIPOC community members to provide them with the opportunity to interact with the speakers. The host will take two questions from attendees during the discussion. The event will also be live streamed on the IBR [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) feeds.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

PNWA thanks Stephanie Prybyl for partnership and service to the maritime industry

PNWA offers a big thank you to Stephanie Prybyl, longtime Business Oregon Ports Program Manager, for all her hard work and collaboration with Oregon ports and the maritime industry! We wish Stephanie all the best as she leaves her position for new adventures beyond the Northwest.

Business Oregon is seeking a Ports Program Coordinator. This position supports public port districts across the state of Oregon, including port formation, development, planning and marketing, funding, navigation infrastructure needs, state and federal policy needs, and much more.

Learn more about this position at

<https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/Pages/careers.aspx>.



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