

Legislative Committee & Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report – Scott Harshman (Port of Pittsburgh), Chair; Legislative Committee: Scott Harshman, Pat Kelly, and George Petrus

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Priorities:

- Continue to support Upper Ohio River Navigation System & Lower Mon Projects
- Oppose additional taxation, tolling, and lockage fees
- Fully utilize and draw down funding from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund

2. Inland Waterways Users Board meeting in Pittsburgh on April 13th

3. Congressional Appropriations

- Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations requests deadline has passed
- Request submitted for additional funding needed for the Lower Mon Project

4. Beaver County Chamber of Commerce’s Congressional Breakfast with Congressman Chris Deluzio was held on April 11th

5. US Army Corps planning another meeting focused on the Allegheny River in April/May

6. Carnegie Science Center’s H2Oh! River Weekend – Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd

7. Pittsburgh Safe Boating Council’s National Safe Boating Week Awareness Event on Friday, May 26th at the Carnegie Science Center

PORT OF PITTSBURGH COMMISSION:

1. Grant funding opportunities

- USDOT Port Infrastructure Development Program (open – due 4/28), FEMA Port Security Grant Program (open – due 5/18), USDOT MARAD Marine Highway Program (open – due 4/28 – **OHIO RIVER INTERESTS ONLY**), PortPitt Small Grants (coming soon) & PortPitt CMAQ (open)
- PortPitt held PSGP webinar on March 30th with Adam Wallace from DHS/FEMA

2. United States Marine Highway Program – partnered with the City of Morgantown and submitted application for new Route Designation for Mon & Allegheny Rivers - *pending*

3. Workforce Development - Appalachian Regional Commission POWER Planning Grant due 4/19

4. Will be hosting “Our Three Rivers” program through Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University the morning of the following Wednesdays: May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31 and June 7

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