

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. Congressional Appropriations

- Request submitted for additional funding needed for the Lower Mon Project

PORT OF PITTSBURGH COMMISSION:

1. Grant funding opportunities

- FEMA Port Security Grant Program (open – due 5/18), PortPitt Small Grants (open – due 5/26 at 5pm) & PortPitt CMAQ (open)
- PA DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (open – due 7/31)

2. United States Marine Highway Program – *Application is pending and being reviewed by USDOT*

- Visiting Morgantown on May 18th to meet with the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMMPO), their federally-designated transportation planning agency.

3. The “Our Three Rivers” program through Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University was canceled this semester due to lack of student registrations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. PortPitt’s “Lunch & Learn” at Ianni’s Pizza in Vandergrift on May 12th.
2. US Army Corps hosting another meeting focused on the Allegheny River on May 24th.
3. The annual Pittsburgh Safe Boating Council’s National Safe Boating Week Awareness Event will be held on Friday, May 26th in partnership and at the Carnegie Science Center from 10am – 2pm. Nearly 2,000 high school students are scheduled to be at the Science Center that day.
4. PortPitt attending Inland Marine Expo in Nashville May 31st – June 2nd.

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