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**EXCITING THINGS
ARE HAPPENING
AT THE PORT OF
ASTORIA!**

The Port is making progress on major waterfront projects, including Pier 2 West Rehabilitation and master planning for Boatyard expansion. At the Astoria Regional Airport, the Airport Master Plan Update is nearing its conclusion, with the findings expected to be presented to the Port and general public by the end of 2023.

This month, the Port will be hosting an Airport Open House & Fly-In event. Partnering with the US Coast Guard, this event will provide the community with a free and family-friendly opportunity to explore the world of aviation.

In every way possible, the Port will continue to support its assets, provide the best quality service to its customers and users, engage with the community, and be an economic driver for the region.



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August 19 2023 • 11:00am - 4:00pm



PIER 2 WEST REHABILITATION

The rehabilitation of Pier 2 West has progressed with two major developments this past year. The first was the selection of Bergerson Construction as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC). With the experience and expertise of Bergerson to guide the project, the Port is able to transition into the planning and permitting phase that will be a precursor to construction.

The second major development this year was the award of a \$1.2 million grant from Business Oregon through its emerging opportunities program to help with preconstruction costs. Due to the impacts that Pier 2 seafood operations have on the region, the Pier 2 West Rehabilitation is the Port's highest priority. Total costs for the project are expected to exceed \$25 million, and the Port will continue to pursue grant funding through state and federal agencies.

AOC4 AND P2 WEST REHAB INTEGRATED PLANNING PROJECT



BUSINESS OREGON AWARDS GRANT FOR PLANNING PROJECT



With an aim to minimize costs and maximize returns, the Port is exploring options for combining project elements of the Area of Concern 4 (AOC4) environmental clean-up project with Pier 2 West Rehabilitation.

Located in the southeast corner of Slip 2, AOC4 was first identified in 2001 by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Since that time, the Port has been working with the DEQ and other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) towards a legal settlement. With partial funding from PRPs for the clean-up costs and a Consent Judgment in place outlining the project's scope, the Port is now able to work on permitting, construction plans and funding strategies with environmental consultant, Maul, Foster, Alongi. As the Pier 2 West Rehabilitation project area lies immediately to the north, there is potential to dovetail these projects and thereby reduce costs and accelerate time frames.

In June of this year, the Port was awarded a grant for \$25,000 from Business Oregon through its Oregon Business Development Department. The grant is intended to help with planning costs associated with the potential integration of Pier 2 West and AOC4 project elements.

The Port is grateful for the partnership and support of Business Oregon as they uphold their mission to invest in Oregon businesses, communities, and people to promote a globally competitive, diverse, and inclusive economy.

FEATURED BUSINESS: AIRPORT TENANT, LEKTRO, CONTINUES TO GROW



The Lektro manufacturing plant in Warrenton is the quiet, unassuming jewel of Warrenton and arguably of the entire region.

For over fifty years, Lektro has been producing high-quality, electric, towbarless tractors for general aviation and commercial aircraft based on the invention of one of Lektro's original owners, Wilt Paulson.



In 2019, Lektro was purchased by JBT AeroTech, a global provider of airport ground support equipment. This year, JBT AeroTech's merger with Oshkosh Corporation, a leading innovator of purpose-built vehicles and equipment, will further vault Lektro into the global market.

Current demand far outstrips production, with a backlog up to a year and half, representing tens of millions of dollars. To help meet this demand, Lektro is looking to add 20 new full-time positions to its current staff of 95 employees earning a family wage.

From humble beginnings to the new age of exponential growth, Lektro has kept its roots at the Astoria Regional Airport, where they were one of the very first occupants in 1948. Paul Davis, the Director of Operations, is proud of Lektro's history of making quality products and the reputation they've built in the aviation industry. Under new ownership, there are no plans to move or change operations, but Paul believes that there will be new opportunities for expansion and innovation. For him, Oshkosh represents "Fantastic investors in our product.... and we're excited for the future".





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AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE AND FLY-IN

AUGUST, 19 2023 • 11AM TO 4PM



ASTORIA REGIONAL AIRPORT
OPEN HOUSE & FLY-IN

**SATURDAY
AUG
19**

AIRPORT ★ 1110 SE FLIGHT LINE DR, WARRENTON OR ★

**ALL AGES WELCOME ★ AIRPLANES ON DISPLAY
★ VISIT WITH LOCAL PILOTS ★
★ VINTAGE CARS ★ CLASSIC MOTORCYCLES ★
★ FOOD TRUCKS ★
★ MILITARY & GENERAL AVIATION ★
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AIRPORT
COMMUNITY!**

**FREE
ADMISSION
& PARKING**

PRESENTED BY THE PORT OF ASTORIA &
COAST GUARD AIR STATION ASTORIA

On August 19th, the Port and US Coast Guard Section Columbia River will partner up to host an Airport Open House and Fly-In at the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton.

This free event will open the airport up to members of the community and the region. Besides the opportunity to learn more about the world of aviation through displays and demonstrations, the open house will feature classic cars and motorcycle displays, booths with family-friendly events, and factory tours through Lektro's manufacturing plant.

WHERE?

 Astoria Regional Airport
1110 SE Flight Line Drive
Warrenton, OR 97146

EVENTS & DISPLAYS

- Coast Guard open house
 - Aircraft demonstrations
 - Displays of military and general aviation aircraft
 - Displays of classic cars and motorcycles
 - Introductory flights for young adults
 - Food and frozen treat vendors
 - Lektro job fair and factory tours
- ...and more!

BOOTHS

- Columbia River Maritime Museum - family fun activities
- Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) - family fun activities
- EAA - sign up for flights through the Free Young Eagles Flights program
- Life Flight informational booth
- Port of Astoria informational booth

