

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. WAP Members in DC today for Waterways Council, Inc.'s Hill Day: David Podurgiel, Robert McCallister, Shane Checkan, Josh Konesni, James Guttman, Scott Harshman and Mary Ann Bucci
Priorities:

- Continue to support Upper Ohio River Navigation System Project & Lower Mon Project
 - Montgomery Locks & Dam Project may need an additional \$200 million
 - Lower Mon Project likely still needs an additional \$109 million
- Oppose additional taxation, tolling, and lockage fees
- Express appreciation for the 65/35 cost-share change and permanency, and potential opportunities to take it to 75/25 cost-share
- Reassess how the USACE conducts their Benefit-Cost Analysis

2. Legislator Outreach - New legislative maps for PA House, PA Senate, and US House of Representatives are in place with the start of the new year. Find out who are your state & federal legislators here for a particular house or business address:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/#address>

3. Committee Assignments for newly elected federal legislators:

- **Congressman Chris Deluzio (PA – 17th CD):** House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans Affairs Committee
- **Congresswoman Summer Lee (PA – 14th CD):** House Science and Technology Committee and the House Oversight & Accountability Committee
- **Senator John Fetterman:** Agriculture Committee; Committee on Aging; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee; and the Environment and Public Works Committee which has jurisdiction on water resources including USACE & WRDA

PORT OF PITTSBURGH COMMISSION:

1. Grant funding opportunities

- USDOT Port Infrastructure Development Program (open), USDOT RAISE (open), FEMA Port Security Grant Program (forthcoming), USDOT MARAD Marine Highway Program (forthcoming), PortPitt Small Grants (coming soon) & PortPitt CMAQ (open)
- Visit PortPitt website to see our **Grants Guide** to be updated on a regular basis
 - <https://www.portpitt.com/pages/2023-grants-guide>

2. Pittsburgh Traffic Club annual dinner is Thursday, March 2nd

- PortPitt planning a breakfast event with PhilaPort that same morning

3. United States Marine Highway Program – submitting new Route Designation for Mon & Allegheny Rivers

4. Sponsoring Ohio River Basin Meeting with IRPT in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, March 1st at Omni William Penn Hotel from 1pm – 4pm. Free to attend for both Members and Non-Members of IRPT. RSVP to aandres@irpt.net