

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

**1. Water Resources Development Act of 2022 – Has taken the next steps through Congress**

- U.S. Senate passed their WRDA bill on July 28<sup>th</sup> by a 93 – 1 vote
  - Includes cost-share adjustment from current 65 % General Funds / 35% IWTF to 75% / 25% for construction and major rehab projects
    - Contains language to not sunset timeline for this cost-share change
- U.S. House passed their WRDA bill on June 8<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 384-37
  - House bill does not contain 75/25 cost-share change
  - 75 House Members, including our local Congressmen Lamb, Doyle, Reschenthaler and Kelly, have signed on to a July 7<sup>th</sup> letter in support of 75/25 language that went to appropriate Committee leadership
- Next step – House and Senate to negotiate the two bills for a potential vote this Fall
- Port of Pittsburgh Commission’s priorities remain:
  - Upper Ohio River Navigation System Project
  - Oppose additional taxation, tolling, lockage fees & support 75/25 cost-share
  - Reassess how the USACE conducts their Benefit-Cost Analysis

**2. Annual Appropriations Funding - TBD**

- House Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill
  - \$8.9B for USACE - \$545M over FY22 enacted level, \$2.3B over Prez’s request
  - \$160M for Investigations, \$2.5B for Construction, \$5.2B for O&M
- Senate Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill
  - \$8.7B for USACE - \$414M over FY22 enacted level, \$2.1B over Prez’s request
  - \$166M for Investigations, \$2.2B for Construction, \$5.1B for O&M

**3. Upper Ohio River Navigation System Project – Montgomery, Emsworth & Dashields L/Ds**

- Senator Casey staff visit to Montgomery on July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Pittsburgh Chamber event with Senator Casey on July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Beaver County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Cruise on July 27<sup>th</sup>
- USACE Open House at Montgomery on August 3rd

**4. State Grant Opportunity**

- PennDOT’s Rail Freight Grant Programs are currently open. Visit [website](#) for more information and applications are **due by 4:00 PM on Friday, September 2, 2022**

**5. Looking Ahead**

- ***Inland Waterways User Board meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 2:30pm PDT***
  - The online virtual portion of the Inland Waterways Users Board meeting can be accessed at <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/ndc.nav>, Public Call-in: USA Toll-Free 844-800-2712, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 1-669-234-1177 Access Code: 199 117 3596, Security Code 1234.
- ***Osher Lifelong Learning Class - before and attending WAP on Wed, September 14<sup>th</sup>***

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