



**February 9, 2022
Monthly Meeting**

Legislative Committee Report – Scott Harshman (Port of Pittsburgh Commission), Chair

Legislative Committee: Scott Harshman, Pat Kelly, and George Petrus

1. Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law

- Upper Ohio Navigation System Project
 - \$857 million has been allocated to fully fund the Montgomery Locks & Dam
- Other funding coming to PA
 - Highway Funding: \$11.4 billion
 - Bridge Funding: \$1.6 billion (\$327.2 million FY 22)
 - Transit Funding: \$3.2 billion
 - EV Charging: \$172 million
 - Airport Funding: \$355 million

2. WRDA 2022

- Congressional Hearings have begun
- Port of Pittsburgh priorities
 - Upper Ohio River Navigation System Project
 - Oppose additional taxation, tolling, lockage fees or other charges on inland waterways
 - Reassess how the Army Corps of Engineers conducts their Benefit-Cost Analysis

3. Inland Waterways User Board

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| • American Commercial Barge Line (ACBL) - Martin Hettel | Jeffersonville, IN |
| • Bruce Oakley, Inc. – Dennis Oakley | North Little Rock, AR |
| • Canal Barge Company - Spencer Murphy (Chair) | New Orleans, LA |
| • Cargill, Inc., Cargill Marine and Terminal - Jeff Webb | Hopkins, MN |
| • CGB Enterprises - Lance Rase | Covington, LA |
| • Continental Cement Company - David Loomes | Chesterfield, MO |
| • Ingram Barge Company - Daniel Mecklenborg | Nashville, TN |
| • Kirby Corporation - Matt Woodruff | Houston, TX |
| • Marquette Transportation Company – Damon Judd (Vice-Chair) | Paducah, KY |
| • SCF Marine, Inc. - Tim Power | St. Louis, MO |
| • Shaver Transportation Company - Rob Rich | Portland, OR |

4. Congested Mitigation Air Quality Program

- The Port of Pittsburgh Commission has been approved for \$6 million for the continuation of this successful program
- This next phase of the program will be called the Marine & Landside Equipment Re-Power Program
- Beginning Fall 2022

5. PortPitt's Small Grants Program

- Grant awards up to \$10,000
- Currently receiving applications
- visit: <https://www.portpitt.com/pages/portpitt-small-grants-program>
- Informational virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 16th
- ***Deadline is March 18th***

6. Other Grant Funding Opportunities

- USDOT MARAD Port Industrial Development Program
 - The PIDP will nearly double funding available to \$450 million in grants annually for the next five years via funds from the IJJA, – \$2.25 billion total – for fiscal years 2022 through 2026
 - Expecting next Notice of Funding Opportunity soon (mid-February)
- PA Multimodal Transportation Fund programs
 - PennDOT – currently closed
 - DCED – accepts applications annually between March 1 – July 31

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