



Port of Pittsburgh
Commission

PORT OF PITTSBURGH REPORT

Prepared for the July 8, 2020 Waterways Association of Pittsburgh's monthly meeting.

1. The Commission and staff continue to operate, both remotely and with limited office hours, due to COVID-19 and recently held our quarterly board meeting by conference call on June 29th.
2. Due to the public health crisis, the CMU OSHER Class, Our Three Rivers, was not held this summer. We are hopeful to resume this class in May 2021.
3. The Port of Pittsburgh Commission is currently doing an Economic Impact Study. We anticipate the study to be available in August or September.
4. The Port of Pittsburgh Commission is working with the Inland Rivers Ports & Terminals trade association on new legislation in Congress, the Coastal and Inland Ports and Terminals Commerce Improvement Act. The PPC worked closely with the IRP&T in helping to secure the sponsorship of the bill by Congressman Conor Lamb and co-sponsorship by Congressman Guy Reschenthaler, both representatives from our region. The bill, H.R. 7416, was introduced on June 29th.
5. The PPC continues to advocate for the desired 75% general federal funding and 25% Inland Waterways Trust Fund cost-share adjustment in the WRDA 2020 legislation currently making its way through Congress.
6. The PPC has canceled the one-day seminar being planned with USDOT MARAD due to COVID-19. This may eventually turn into a virtual meeting related to their Marine Highway program.
7. The Port of Pittsburgh Commission is working with four federal agencies on a potential event in the region in August on improving infrastructure conditions and the movement of freight on the inland waterways system.
8. The PPC sponsored the Pittsburgh Traffic Club's golf outing on June 22nd and provided golf swag gift set to all attendees.
9. Scott Harshman from the Port was recently elected to serve as Secretary for the Pittsburgh Safe Boating Council and Matt Pavlosky from the Port was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Traffic Club.
10. The PortPitt staff and guests were happy to support and attend the Gateway Clipper Fleet's maiden voyage in June when Pittsburgh went into the COVID-19 Green Phase.

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