

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

1. WRDA 2022 – Continues to move through Congress

- Port of Pittsburgh priorities:
 - Upper Ohio River Navigation System Project
 - Oppose additional taxation, tolling, lockage fees
 - Reassess how the USACE conducts their Benefit-Cost Analysis
- Senate Environment & Public Works Committee – 75/25 cost-share provision
 - Not included in House version of the bill
 - 75 House Members have signed on to a letter in support of 75/25 language including our local Congressmen Lamb, Doyle, Reschenthaler and Kelly

2. PortPitt’s Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

- At the end of June, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approved about \$6 billion in funding over a four-year period as part of the 10-county region’s plan to improve its transportation infrastructure under the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Looking to have \$6M over the next two years in PortPitt program

3. State Budget

- \$42.5 billion FY 2023/2024 state budget signed into law (2.9% increase)
 - The plan includes a gradual decrease in corporate net income tax from 9.99% to 4.99% by 2031
 - Spends \$2.2 billion in remaining federal stimulus dollars
 - \$525 million more for K-12 education
 - Three new state parks (one for ATVs)

4. State Grant Opportunity

- PA DCED Multimodal grant program application period is currently open through July 31st - <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/>

5. US Army Corps of Engineers seeking input on policy initiatives

- On June 3rd, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) Team and the Corps published [Federal Register Notice](#) (available through the link) to announce the effort to modernize the Civil Works program through a number of policy related issues
- Written input/comments must be received **before or on August 2, 2022**
- Next public virtual meeting **is July 14th**, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern. Registration link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqtqT4jHopjJy1I5JnRlnt5OOxkic>

6. Osher continuing education class “Our Three Rivers”

- Fall semester will run on Wednesdays for six weeks (Aug. 31 – Oct. 5)
- Best fit for WAP visit would be Wednesday, September 14

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