

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

- 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

### 2. PortPitt's Small Grants Program

- Received 19 applications requesting a total of approximately \$170,000.
- PortPitt's Board made decision on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2022 recipients:
  - *Natrona Connector/FOTR - \$10,000*
  - *East Vandergrift Boat Launch - \$10,000*
  - *Three Rivers Rowing Assoc. Safety Upgrades - \$7,680*
  - *First Waves Urban Youth Program - \$7,500*
  - *Port of BeeMac, Freight Barge Lid Lifter - \$6,620*
  - *Waterways Assoc. of Pittsburgh: Who Works the Rivers - \$4,200*
  - *Sharpsburg Waterway Outreach - \$4,000*

### 3. Other Grant Funding Opportunities

- USDOT MARAD Port Industrial Development Program – **deadline is May 16<sup>th</sup>**
- USDOT MARAD Marine Highway Program – currently open – **due June 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity – **due May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
- PA DCED Multimodal grant program application period is currently open through July 31<sup>st</sup> - <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/multimodal-transportation-fund/>

### 4. Recent events

- Mary Ann attended Inland Waterways User Board meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Participated in WCI virtual fly-in meetings with US Senator Bob Casey on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Congressman Guy Reschenthaler's chief of staff on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Future events

- Attending Inland Marine Expo in St. Louis on May 23-25<sup>th</sup>.
- National Safe Boating Week event on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Landing & Marina at Station Square.

### 6. Miscellaneous

- PennDOT announced yesterday the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to establish the priorities and critical transportation strategies to guide Pennsylvania's project investments.
- Pittsburgh Regatta.

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