

News in the Corridor

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Portland's Transportation Economy

Eric Fruits, Senior Economist at ECONorthwest, will discuss the pros and cons of our transportation-based economy. Despite the fact that economists are notorious for avoiding predictions, we'll investigate Portland's future in the world freight economy. Is this a good thing for Portlanders or will it lead to a lower quality of life? [More information and registration...](#)

Wednesday, May 28th
7:30 am – 9:00 am

CCA Golf Classic

Sponsored by The Boeing Company

The 17th Annual CCA Golf Classic Scramble will be Monday, September 15th at the Riverside Golf & Country Club. Go ahead and pencil it on your calendar. First - Mark the date on your calendar. Second - Become a sponsor. (We need a Grand Tournament Sponsor and many more! Sign up now and get the advantage of 6 months of promotions on all tournament literature.) Third - Become a member of the organizing committee. (We have a job for people of all capabilities. You don't need to be a golfer to get in on the fun!) [More...](#)

I-5 to be Widened at Delta Park

Construction has begun on the Delta Park Widening Project and will continue for two years. But don't worry, all lanes will remain open during the day; delays and detours will be scheduled for nights and weekends.

The project will widen I-5 southbound to three lanes between Victory Blvd. and Lombard St. The shoulders and inside median of the freeway will also be widened in both directions. To accommodate these changes, the bridges over the Columbia Slough and Columbia Blvd. will be widened and the entrance and exit ramps at Columbia Blvd. and Victory Blvd. will be realigned and lengthened. [More...](#)

We're Looking for Your Opinion on the Economy

A lot of people have been asking how the economic downturn is affecting businesses. We'd love to pass along your opinion. Please take a minute to fill out our [two-question survey](#).

Portland Planning Commission to Hear Columbia River Crossing Comments

On Tuesday, May 13th, the Portland Planning Commission will accept public testimony on the Columbia River Crossing project. The Planning Commission will set the tone for an upcoming City Council debate. Please consider making a two-minute comment about how improved interchanges and light rail to Vancouver will help your business. Contact Corky at 503.287.8686 for more information. [Columbia River Crossing](#)

The draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released May 2. [More...](#)

Portland Groundwater Protection Program

It's been five years since the Water Bureau initiated the Groundwater Protection Program to minimize the chance of chemical spills that may contaminate drinking water wells. The wells are the back-up water supply for most of the Portland region and the second largest water supply in Oregon (after Bull Run).

Columbia Corridor Association works with the Water Bureau and businesses in the wellfield to teach and interpret the regulations. The intent is to reduce the chance of spilling hazardous chemicals without creating a regulatory structure that may force some out of business. The program has been extremely successful and well received.

Portland Re-Writes Tree Regulations

The Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project is a multi-bureau effort to clarify, simplify and provide a consistent and effective regulatory framework for trees in the City of Portland. This project was identified in the City's Urban Forest Action Strategy as a high priority item to enhance the urban forest canopy through development and redevelopment. [More...](#)

University of Oregon Economic Index

The University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators™ partially rebounded from January's sharp decline. Despite a period of persistent weakness dating back to last August, the UO Index has failed to make a sustained drop into a range consistent with the 2001 recession. This indicates a period of slow economic activity with a significant chance of tipping into an actual recession. Confirmation of a recession requires a substantial worsening of the Oregon labor market in the months ahead. [Full pdf report...](#)

Welcome New and Renewing Members!

AMEC Earth & Environmental
The Boeing Company
Harsch Investment Corp.
Henkels & McCoy
Myers Container
Multnomah County Drainage District
Northside Ford
Non-Profit Strategies and Affairs
Vancouver Oil
Wells Development Company
The Portland Expo Center

Airport Futures Survey

Airport Futures is a collaborative effort between the City of Portland, Port of Portland, and the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan community to create an integrated long-range development plan for Portland International Airport (PDX). Public involvement is a key part of this planning effort. To help with forecasting the numbers of airline passengers, cargo tons, and flights in/out of PDX, [they would like your input](#).

Columbia Blvd. Sewer Project

The City of Portland Environmental Services recently completed sewer extensions to approximately 80 business and residential properties on NE Columbia Boulevard, NE 33rd Avenue, NE 59th Place, and NE Holland Court. The most obvious part of the project was laying pipe down the middle of NE Columbia Blvd.

Please take a moment to fill out and return this [postage-paid survey](#).

Post-Panamax Crane Arrives at Port of Portland

After crossing the Pacific Ocean from Shanghai, China, the Port's fourth post-Panamax container crane made its way up the Columbia River in the first days of April--the final leg of a month long journey. The 16-story tall, two city block wide, 1,400 ton giant will soon be lifting containers on and off the biggest container ships that call Portland, making the Port more efficient and competitive. Hundreds of businesses throughout the region depend on the cranes to move their goods on and off of the ships.

If you would like to see the new crane, head to Kelley Point Park, off North Marine Drive. If you would like to play with [a scale model](#), head to OMSI.

There's a BBQ at ACE Academy and You're Invited

ACE Academy is a new charter school focusing on architecture, construction and engineering fields. They will open this fall with a projected enrollment of 250 11th & 12th graders. The public is welcome to attend an orientation BBQ. They'll have continuous tours of the facilities in addition to the hamburgers and hot dogs.

May 8th, 5-7 pm
4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland OR 97230
www.acecharterschool.org

Upcoming Events

May 28: CCA Breakfast Forum—Portland's Transportation Economy

September 15th: CCA's 17th Annual Golf Classic Scramble

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