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## Port of Portland, auto import/export specialists get \$2.6M for expansion

The Port of Portland and a tenant that specializes in auto handling have received a \$2.6 million state grant.

The Oregon Department of Transportation, through its ConnectOregon program, allotted \$2.6 million to the Port and its tenant Auto Warehousing Co. The money will help fund part of a \$7 million expansion of auto handling facilities in the Rivergate Industrial District, near Terminal 6.



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The facility moves such makes as Hyundai in and out of the U.S.

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The company, which handles Hyundai vehicle imports into the U.S. and the export of Fords, is developing an 18.9-acre storage and staging yard. It had leased 130 acres at Terminal 6 in 2005.

The Port said auto shipments at its marine terminals rose by 14 percent during the last fiscal year.

The Port Commission last week had approved a lease allowing Auto Warehousing to stay in the space for 29 more years, if all options are exercised.

The Connect Oregon program is a lottery-bond-based grant initiative through which the state invests in air, rail, marine, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.

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