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Port of Portland Commission meets Jan. 11 in Hillsboro ***Agenda includes transportation improvement plan hearing***

The Port of Portland Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Hillsboro Civic Center auditorium, 150 E. Main Street. As snow is once again in the forecast for the region, any schedule changes for the meeting will be shared at www.portofportland.com and on Twitter via @PortOfPortland.

While the monthly Commission meeting is usually in Portland, this special meeting location provides the Hillsboro community with easier access to the Commission. Although Port activities impact the entire Pacific Northwest, its official boundaries include only Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties in Oregon. In Washington County, the Port owns and operates Hillsboro Airport. The nine-member Commission sets Port policy.

Among agenda items for the meeting is a public hearing on the draft Port 2017 Transportation Improvement Plan. The plan identifies and prioritizes 5-, 10- and 20-year marine, air, road, rail, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation improvement projects. The hearing will follow discussion of transportation needs to address passenger and freight mobility in the metropolitan region. The entire meeting [agenda](#) is available at www.portofportland.com. For more information, contact Pam Thompson at pam.thompson@portofportland.com or 503.415.6013.

As a transportation agency reliant on elements of the transportation system developed and managed by others to support its mission, the Port carefully plans its support of projects that will enhance market access for Port customers and businesses in the region and state.

For 2017, 91 projects were identified through transportation studies from master plans, property development and region-wide mobility needs studies conducted by the Port and other local, regional and state agencies.

Updated annually and requiring approval by the Commission, the transportation improvement plan helps prioritize funding requests for obtaining grants and loans. The capital projects funded

with these grants and loans help support the Port's mission of providing cost competitive cargo and passenger access to regional, national and international markets.

After the public hearing, the plan will be revised if necessary and submitted to the Commission to consider for approval on Feb. 8. Once approved, the plan is provided to Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan. Projects are then considered for outside funding through the federal, state and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan processes.

Copies of the draft plan are at <http://www.pdx.com/Inside/TradeAndTransportation>.

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