

PORT OF HOOD RIVER

Status report from Oregon ports to the House Interim Committee on Transportation Policy



The **Port of Hood River** was incorporated in 1933 to facilitate job creation and economic development in Hood River County. Since 2007 the Port has taken major steps to develop a business park on the Hood River waterfront. With a focus on local businesses, attracting private investment and collaboration with public and private partners, the Waterfront is witnessing a significant transformation. As of May 2017, 445,000 gross square feet have been developed, \$84,871,245 million dollars have been invested, and over 655 new jobs have been created on the waterfront.

The Hood River waterfront area is located in an Enterprise Zone and as of 2018 within an Opportunity Zone, and the Port is exploring opportunities to foster investment of patient capital through both of those designations. Currently, the Port is working with Walker Macy Architects and KPFF Engineers to develop an infrastructure development plan for the properties to promote development readiness. Other recent work has included a development feasibility analysis conducted by ECONorthwest. Findings from these efforts have shown that there are significant and costly infrastructure needs in order for the Lot 1 properties to develop. The Port is exploring options to fund these infrastructure needs, and is considering how to partner with others to realize vertical site development.

Meanwhile, businesses already located on the waterfront are thriving. Pfriem Brewing, DaKine, Tofurky, Camp 1805, Hood River Distillers, Robichaud Batten Systems, are just a few of the well-known and growing businesses that have made this remarkable area their home.

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