

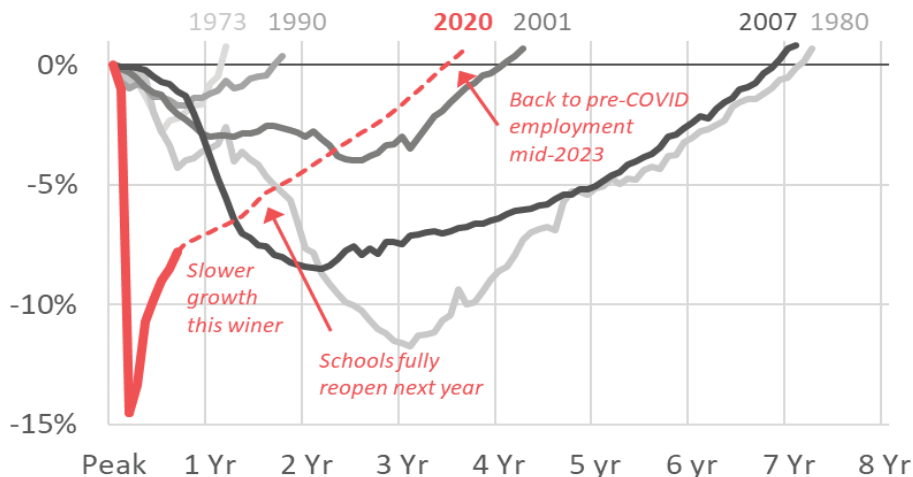
Port Report



JANUARY 2021

Oregon Recession Comparison

Percent Change from Pre-Recession Peak



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

PORT HOSTS GORGE ECONOMIC FORUM

On Friday, January 15th, the Port of Cascade Locks hosted a Gorge Economic Forum over Zoom. The featured presentations from both Oregon State and the Gorge Regional economists. A major takeaway from the data presented was the expectation that economic recovery may happen significantly faster than past recessions, pending details such as vaccine distribution. The forum also featured testimony from Gorge industry leaders representing hospitality, restaurants and breweries. The final segment of the forum was on Business Support with presentations from the CGCC Small Business Development Center, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, East Cascade Work and Business Oregon. "It is my hope and that of the Port that this forum will help us all have as accurate of information as possible in order to help us plan and budget for next year and how to prioritize our efforts to support a healthy area economy" said Commission President Jess Groves. The forum had an attendance of 37 participants of the Gorge region in both public and private sector. Meeting materials are available for those that may have missed the forum. Please contact bberge@portofcascadelocks.org if you would like copies of those materials.

REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Port of Cascade Locks is seeking a painting contractor for a multi-year contract to perform cost effective and innovative painting services to help extend the service life of The Bridge of the Gods. The immediate goals and objectives for this work is to stop active corrosion and restore protective coating while minimizing the impacts to the travelling public. More information can be found on our website in the Announcements section.

JWGED RECONVENES

The Cascade Locks Joint Work Group for Economic Development met on Thursday, January 28th after almost a year off due to COVID. This group is a collaboration of the Port and City of Cascade Locks, as well as specific interest groups for the purpose of economic and community development.

MISSING UNICORN

The lighted unicorn decoration that was added to the holiday light display in Toll Booth Park this year has gone missing. Unfortunately, the display had experienced significant damage, but of most disappointment is the news that one our new displays, and one that we received the most positive feedback on, has vanished. The Port would like to encourage anyone who might have seen the lighted unicorn gallop away or know of its whereabouts, to call the Port of Cascade Locks or Hood River County Sheriff's office with any information that may help lead to the return of this beloved decoration.



The Port of Cascade Locks is a business-friendly engine for economic development



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COLUMBIA GORGE STERNWHEELER

Since its first excursion in 1983, the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler has been an iconic part of the "Gorge Experience" The Port of Cascade Locks commissioned the vessel to be constructed by Nichols Boatworks of Hood River, in an effort to stimulate tourism and the economy in Cascade Locks. The vessel has done exactly that for our community, by not only bringing thousands of visitors annually, but also being a major provider of jobs in Cascade Locks. On top of that, educating visitors of our unique regional history through narrated excursions. The sternwheeler has also played a favorite of field trips for many nearby schools. In 2006, American Waterways Inc. began leasing the boat from the Port of Cascade Locks. The sternwheeler is now one of 5 vessels operated by American Waterways Inc. of Portland, Oregon.

HARVEY ROAD PARKING

In attempt to take vehicle parking off the roadway in the residential areas near Harvey Road, the Port of Cascade Locks cleared out and graveled a portion of Port owned property. The cleared space is being used by hikers, which removes vehicles from parking along the roadway in a manner hazardous and inconvenient to local residents.



IT TAKES TWO TO TOLL

The BreezyBy tolling system makes crossing more efficient. However, accuracy of the tolling system can be improved with the placement of your transponder. The transponder should be placed on the inside of the windshield, close to the rearview mirror and as high and as central on the windshield as possible. You may place the transponder slightly to the right of the rearview mirror so it is not in your field of vision. Make sure the transponder is at least three inches away from any metal, tint, antennae or defroster. Also, avoid the black dots that may surround the rearview mirror to not obstruct the transponder from being read accurately. Placing your Transponder on the dash, or waving it out the window as you drive by will lead to receiving red lights at the toll booth or inaccurate tolls charged to your account. If you ever remove or replace your transponder, be sure to remove it fully and completely. Old, damaged, and partial transponders can cause issues as well. Keep in mind, obstruction of the transponder - a metal visor, GPS, radar detector, window tint, etc. can alter/disrupt the signal. The Port of Cascade Locks is happy to work together with the community to keep tolling efficient for all crossing the Bridge of the Gods.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Feb 2..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Feb 3..... Marine Park Sub-Committee
- Feb 3..... Port Commission
- Feb 15..... Presidents Day – Port Office Closed
- Feb 16..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Feb 17..... Marine Park Sub-Committee
- Feb 17..... Port Commission
- Feb 18..... CL Action Team
- Feb 25..... Joint Work Group Eco. Dev.

If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8619 or visit portofcascadelocks.org.

HOT JOBS

Security Officer
Port of Cascade Locks
 Full Time, \$20/hour
 Contact: 541-374-2403

Events Coordinator
Port of Cascade Locks
portofcascadelocks.org/employment-opportunity/
 Contact: 541-374-2403

Firefighter/Paramedic
City of Cascade Locks
 Visit www.cascade-locks.or.us/jobs for further details
 Contact: 541-374-8484

Journeyman Lineman
City of Cascade Locks
 Fulltime position. Union Scale Rate
 Contact: 541-374-8484

Production Position
The Renewal Workshop
 Workshop positions available, starting at \$16/hour.
 Contact: jobs@renewalworkshop.com