



Dear Friends of the Port of Pasco

By this time next year, those traveling to and from the Tri-Cities Airport will be rewarded for their patience with a gleaming new terminal. The largest project in the history of the Port – the \$41.9 million expansion of the airport terminal building – is heading into its final phase. Just around the corner is the enlarged terminal, more passenger gates, a beautiful floor-to-ceiling view from the passenger waiting area (referred to as the “gallery area”), an inviting restaurant/bar, a coffee counter, gift shop, spacious security screening area, and much more.

The work on the expansion of the airport started long before the first shovel broke ground with many years of planning by Port of Pasco Commissioners, staff and consultants. It’s a project slated to not only meet the current needs of the airport, but designed to accommodate growth well into the future.

Expanding our footprint

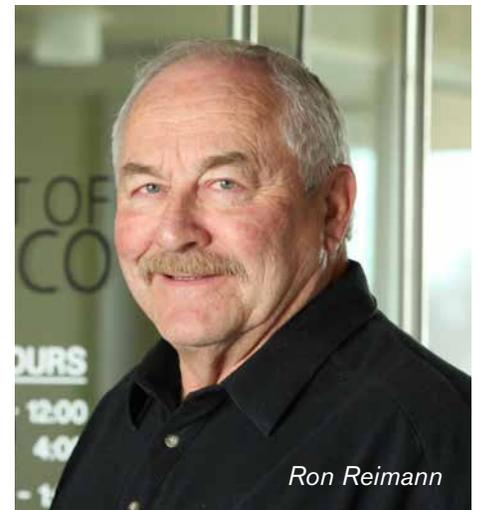
It’s with that same eye on the future that we, as your Port Commissioners, continue to approach our responsibilities: looking ahead, seeking opportunities

and understanding our need to adapt in a changing world.

One of the areas where we are aiming toward the future is by expanding our land holdings so that we, in turn, can create economic development opportunities within our district. After the sale of the last piece of property at the Pasco Processing Center in 2015, acquiring new land became a top Port priority.

During the past several months, we have been working with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to acquire up to 200 acres located near the Snake River, north of Highway 12 and west of the Tidewater tank farms. After considering acreage located throughout the district, it was determined that the site would be the best fit for the Port’s efforts as it has significant potential for large industrial development. Additional property may also be available at the site for future purchase.

We also recognize that we are a district with strong ties to agriculture – it is our economic base. We continue to



Ron Reimann

explore ways to strengthen and support the agricultural industry throughout our entire district. This property has the potential to be the next big development for the Port – much like the Pasco Processing Center has been for the district and agriculture within our region.

Funds for this potential purchase were set aside from the sale of property at the Pasco Processing Center in anticipation of future land acquisitions. As current Commissioners, we salute the foresight of previous Commissioners for establishing such a fund and looking toward the future.

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Cable Bridge land ready for development

In another area of the district, work on the environmental clean-up of the former Marine Terminal site at the foot of the Cable Bridge nears completion. We are looking at ways to get this important property redeveloped as the cleanup has left it sitting idle for some time. We have started conversations with both the Port of Kennewick and the City of Pasco about how our plans for the Cable Bridge area complement the work they are doing to revitalize Columbia Drive and Downtown Pasco. It makes sense for us to roll-up our collective sleeves and work together as public agencies to create a plan that incorporates this historic area along the Columbia River with their plans, too.

Looking ahead

This type of partnering is just one of many such collaboration efforts we have ongoing. Other initiatives include a national marketing campaign for Eastern Washington ag, creating a broad-based community vision for the Pasco area, attracting direct flight service to Los Angeles, drawing new industry to the Connell area and much more.

It is through the groundwork that we are now laying, the conversations we are now having, and our desire to keep the Port of Pasco moving ahead that we can truly say we are a Port of Progress.

Ron Reimann

Port of Pasco Commission President

Why The Grand Rendezvous name?

The expanded airport features a local feel – from design to color selection to art. It only makes sense that the name of the new snack bar would also reflect local history.

It is named after the spot where the Snake River enters the Columbia River and served as a longtime tribal gathering location – called The Grand Rendezvous – drawing tribes from throughout the region.

The Native American village called Chemna, located where the Yakima River enters the Columbia, was also an established gathering spot.



*The Grand Rendezvous
Snack Bar*

Tribes commonly camped, fished and wintered all along the eight-mile stretch between those two river confluences.

The Grand Rendezvous seemed an appropriate name for the area in the terminal where people gather, wait and greet those arriving.

A Quick Look: A better airport is on the way



- Phase 2 – Now through January 2017**
- Temporary relocation of the airlines ticket counters and bag check to allow for ticket counter renovation
 - Reconstruction and expansion of Gates 1 and 2
 - Reconfiguration of front lobby, including relocating the staircase and elevator
 - New restaurant, dining area, coffee shop, gift shop and bar inside the secure area of terminal
 - Existing TSA checkpoint will be temporarily shifted to provide for new TSA-checkpoint construction
 - Construction of outbound baggage area
 - Realignment of the front curb
 - Asphalt overlay and new crosswalks from parking lot to terminal
- For up-to-date information include weekly reports and photos, visit www.flytricity.com.**

Airport Construction Passes Halfway Mark

The major expansion and remodeling of the Tri-Cities Airport terminal building continues on time and on budget. The \$41.9 million project is now over 65 percent complete, and is slated to wrap up in early 2017.

Opening of The Grand Rendezvous and more

Two new areas on the public side of the airport are now open for use.

One is our new cafe, called The Grand Rendezvous; it offers a full-service espresso bar, fresh ready-to-go sandwiches and other food, snacks and beverages. Once construction is complete, you will be able to order food from the secure-side restaurant and have it delivered to The Grand Rendezvous.

Traveler sundries, cards and visitor items are also available.

Second, and adjacent to The Grand Rendezvous, is an expanded meeting/greeting area.

“Our meeting and greeting area has been quite small through the years, but now we are able to accommodate family and friends picking up passengers,” said Ron Foraker, Port of Pasco’s director of Airports. “There is ample space, people can sit comfortably, and they can have something to eat while waiting for their family and friends. We know that greeting passengers is an important part of our airport experience, and it is essential that this area also reflect our commitment to all our airport guests. This area does that and once the terminal project is complete, the meeter-greeter space will be even more spacious.”

*New terminal
entrance*



Now underway

Throughout the summer, work is proceeding on both the secure and public sides of the airport.

On the public side, the reconfiguration of the front entrance and central section of the terminal continues. One major change will be the removal of the existing center staircase now that the new elevator and staircase at the front of the terminal is complete.

“Removing the staircase will really open up the public side of the terminal,” said Foraker. “It will create a much larger passenger security screening area and queue space, which will support the efficient operation of the Transportation Security Administration.”

On the secure side of the terminal, work is focusing on the construction of Gates 1 and 2. These expanded concourse areas will house gates for United Airlines and Alaska Airlines, a children’s play area and additional restrooms.

Work on the new restaurant, Columbia Bar & Grille, is also well underway. It will offer a full-service restaurant and bar featuring healthy breakfast options; burgers,

wraps and sandwiches; and a wide selection of beers and wines.

In addition, there will be a full-service coffee bar, named Jump Off Joe, featuring hot and cold coffee drinks. This area will also include expanded gift shop services.

Behind the scenes, work is proceeding on a new TSA outbound baggage screening area.

These components of the project are set to open in September.

What’s ahead

Now that the airline counters have been temporarily moved, work will begin shortly on reconstruction of the ticketing area and realignment of the front curb.

“The project continues to move along smoothly,” said Foraker. “The traveling community has been very gracious about any inconveniences experienced during construction. We appreciate that so much. The end is actually just around the corner. Even this fall, as more work is completed, we will be able to experience just how significant this project really is.”

Did You Know...

...The Tri-Cities Airport has 9 flights each day to Seattle.

Alaska Airlines has six daily flights and Delta has three.

It’s the #1 direct-flight destination for Tri-Cities travelers

Work on Direct Service to Los Angeles Ongoing

Direct, daily flight service to the Los Angeles area has long been a target for additional airline service. Significant progress toward this goal was reached last year when the Port, working with the community, secured a \$750,000 Small Community Air Service Development grant designed specifically for supporting this service.

Receiving the grant was the first step. Now, the Port is working alongside TRIDEC to meet with airline officials in an effort to recruit the service.

Thus far, there have been meetings with representatives from Alaska Airlines, Delta Airlines, SkyWest Airlines and United Airlines.

"Meeting with airline officials has been a very positive beginning to the process of securing daily LA service," said Ron Foraker, director of Airports. "Because we have built a long-lasting, professional relationship with many of the airline planners, our story of the greater Tri-Cities growth and diversity has been well received. We have been able to make the case as to why this service makes sense.

"A lot of decisions like this from an airline's point of view are based upon not just the numbers, but about the availability of equipment and pilots to service a new flight. Several airlines mentioned that delivery of new commercial regional jets beginning in 2017 is key to adding additional markets, he said. Both SkyWest (which provides service on behalf of other airlines) and Alaska are adding planes in 2017."

The Port is hopeful that more information from the airlines will be available this fall.

Airport Traffic Alert

Construction at the airport has greatly limited the amount of space at the front curb. We are requesting motorists to use short-term parking for all drop off and pick up of passengers throughout the renovation of the airport.

Parking is free for the first 25 minutes.

Watch for signs and traffic cones to direct you to the appropriate parking.

Please always drive cautiously anywhere around the airport. Cars must not block a crosswalk and are required to stop for pedestrians.



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Want to know the latest at the Tri-Cities Airport? It's easy. Just look us up at Tri-Cities Airport – PSC on Facebook and like our page.

We also invite you to explore our new airport website:

www.flytricity.com

Do You Have Your TSA Pre✓?

Lines to get through TSA screening at airports are just part of the travel experience, but there is an easier and quicker way. Passengers who have the TSA Pre✓™ are offered expedited screening, often allowing the traveler to wear their jackets and shoes, and keep their laptops and liquids in their bags. Many airports offer a designated, faster screening lane for TSA Pre✓ passengers.

Last summer, to draw attention to the program, TSA randomly selected qualified passengers and applied the TSA Pre✓ to their boarding pass. Unfortunately, TSA has since ended this random-selection program.

Now, the only way to get the TSA Pre✓ is to sign up for the Department of Homeland Security Trusted Traveler program.

To begin the enrollment process, go

online to universalenroll.dhs.gov.

Follow the prompts to pre-enroll and set an appointment to visit the enrollment center located at the Lourdes Occupational Health Facility, 9915 Sandifur Parkway in Pasco. The cost is \$85, and membership is valid for five years.

While many Tri-Cities Airport passengers have signed up for the designation, there are not enough to keep a dedicated screening lane. TSA Pre✓ passengers still get to move to the front of the line, but are screened in the same lane as standard screening. If enough people sign up for the program, the designated lane may return after the airport expansion project is completed in early 2017.

The Tri-Cities Airport encourages our passengers to enroll in TSA Pre✓ to improve their traveling experience at our and other airports across the country.



“Start here. Go anywhere.”

That’s one of the messages the Tri-Cities Airport continues to send to online viewers throughout the Tri-Cities and our region.

In 2015, the airport began its first online marketing effort to increase awareness of the airport, its service and the convenience of an airport close to home. It’s an effort that has reached thousands, produced visits to the Tri-Cities Airport’s new website and may play a role in the continuing growth in enplanements.

“We know that a percentage of travelers in our region choose to fly out of other airports,” said Gary Ballew, director of Economic Development and Marketing for the Port of Pasco. “If we capture just 1 percent of those travelers from our market, it means an additional 5,000 travelers using the Tri-Cities Airport. More flyers means we have a better chance of adding new flights and new locations. For us, creating awareness and the convenience of our flight service is important.”

The new Visit Tri-Cities kiosk is installed and operational at the airport. Washington River Protection Solutions sponsored the interactive kiosk. Once construction is complete, the kiosk will be the first display passengers see as they exit the concourse to the public side of the airport.



2015 Sets Boarding Record

The number of passengers traveling out of the Tri-Cities Airport recorded a 6 percent growth in 2015 and set an overall boarding record.

“It was a very strong year,” said Ron Foraker, Port of Pasco’s director of Airports. “We had 20,000 more enplanements in 2015 than 2014. Overall, we had nearly 349,000 passenger boardings – an all-time high. The previous record high was 342,000 in 2008.”

This year’s enplanements continue to be strong. Through May, the airport has experienced an 11 percent growth over 2015.

“This is a validation of the need for



the expansion of the airport,” said Foraker, “and financially, it helps support our efforts. More and more people are making the Tri-Cities Airport their airport of choice. This is an encouraging trend we know will continue, particularly once the airport expansion is complete.”

Congratulations, Ron

Ron Foraker, Port of Pasco director of Airports, recently was named the Washington Airport Management Association Managing Member of the Year.

Foraker was recognized for his 39 years of work with the Tri-Cities Airport, including the last five as its director.

The nomination read, in part, “Of the many aviation projects Ron has brought to bear, the current Terminal Renovation and Expansion will be a legacy for generations to come. Ron has guided the terminal modernization by building community consensus, leading FAA and political outreach, coordinating the airport’s stakeholders and overseeing design and construction. His thoughtful guidance has fostered a team of architects, engineers and contractors that has risen beyond

the norm to deliver a project worthy of his leadership. This project is one of many that represents what Ron has achieved through his commitment to aviation and the community at large. Ron’s warm nature is legendary in the region, and his generosity is known to all who have worked with him.”

Congratulations Ron on this well-deserved honor!



Ryan Sheehan, Spokane Airport and current president of WAMA presented Ron Foraker with the Management of the Year award at the annual conference in May.

Sam Good Retires

Sam Good, longtime director of Properties and Development for the Port of Pasco, retired on May 1.



Good's first association with

the Port was as a consultant, performing project oversight functions on the \$3 million Container Terminal rehabilitation project.

When the director of Properties and Development position came open in 2001, the Port was impressed with her abilities.

"Her experience and knowledge were a great fit for this position," said Executive Director Randy Hayden.

During her career at the Port, she was involved in several successful land sales at the Pasco Processing Center such as Syngenta and Kenyon Zero Storage.

She assisted in the establishment of the Foster Wells Business Park inside the Pasco Processing Center, which is now home to Second Harvest Food Bank, Volm Companies, Basin Gold, the Rock Placing Company and Teton West.

As the director of Properties and Development, she forged important relationships with many members of the business community and local government leaders. She chaired the Tri-Cities River Shore Enhancement Council Technical Committee and was active in the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, the

Northwest Marine Terminal Association, the Pasco Downtown Development Association, Pasco Specialty Kitchen as well as other organizations.

"Sam's 14-year tenure at the Port was filled with successes. We are deeply grateful for her dedication and many long hours serving the Port and our tenants," said Hayden.

Commission President Ron Reimann agrees.

"Because of the critical land purchases she's completed, the Port Commission has been able to save the land proceeds to use for purchasing additional land elsewhere in Franklin County," he said. "Our future success is a reflection of the good work that Sam performed at the Port, for which we are very grateful."

What's Happening at the Port

Wagenaar Army Reserve Center Transfer Complete

Transfer of the PFC Wagenaar Army Reserve Center, located adjacent to the Big Pasco Industrial Center and Osprey Pointe, to the Port of Pasco is now complete.

In 2006, the United States Army declared the center surplus, and the Port has been working with the Army since 2009 to acquire the 17,000 square foot building.

The Port recently reopened the building, which had been empty for over five years and required minor repairs.

The first tenants to the building are the City of Pasco Fire Department and the Office of Franklin County Emergency Management.

"The acquisition of the Wagenaar Center fits with our vision of Osprey Pointe and our goal to bring more local business and light industrial to the area," said Randy

Hayden, Port executive director. "We're thrilled to have the City and Emergency Management choose Osprey Pointe."

For more information about leasing space within the Wagenaar Center, or its adjacent property, contact the Port of Pasco at (509) 547-3378.

Crane Sale Update

Port of Pasco Commissioners recently put the sale of its crane, which is stationed at the Container Barge Terminal, on hold.

"The Commissioners have postponed a decision on the sale of the crane for another year or two," said Randy Hayden, Port executive director. "We are encouraged by efforts the Port of Portland is making to bring regular container service back to the lower Columbia River. Hopefully, we can re-establish Asian export container service out of Pasco."

Commissioners have been weighing the sale

of the crane after container barge volumes on the Columbia River dropped significantly. The Port's crane has been idle for five years.

Land Transferred to Port

The United States Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to donate two parcels of land near the Tri-Cities Airport to the Port.

One is an 84-acre parcel northwest of the airport. It may be leased and developed for agricultural purposes.

The other is a 16-acre parcel that includes the FAA radar beacon and access road to the radar site. The Port will be responsible for leasing this ground to the FAA.

"We are always looking to secure the land around the airport," said Randy Hayden, Port executive director. "The Bureau of Reclamation currently has scattered property and is working to consolidate its holdings. This generous transfer of property to the Port makes sense for both agencies."

Alliance Brings Five-County Region Together for Business Recruitment

In the competitive world of business recruitment, communities usually compete against each other to recruit new companies. Four economic development groups, including the Port of Pasco, are taking a different approach by working together to collectively market a five-county region of the state of Washington.

Eastern Washington Economic Development Alliance members believe business and industry will find the region appealing. They also agree marketing the combined merits of the wider region provide companies with choices, a broader selection of land sites and cities that offer a variety of attributes.

The team formed in the fall of 2015 and, in addition to the Port, consists

of Adams County Development Council, Yakima County Development Association: New Vision and Grant County Economic Development Council.

“By marketing together we can increase interest in our region by offering more opportunities for a company,” said Gary Ballew, director of Economic Development and Marketing for the Port of Pasco.

“Our main goals are to increase jobs and grow the tax base in our communities. This means bringing in new companies, new investments and different job opportunities,” he said.

Diversifying the region’s economy calls for target recruitment. The group selects industry sectors that will fit well with the

area. The next step is to identify trade shows and industry-specific expositions to attend as a group. The first was the Global Food Equipment and Technology Show. The team met with 10 companies and continues to work active leads.

In terms of sheer numbers, the Alliance has made direct contact with more than 70 companies since launching the collective effort.

“Marketing as a region means you can reach a larger audience and that means more opportunities to make a connection with a company interested in moving to Eastern Washington. All the Alliance members benefit because we all offer something a little different,” Ballew said.

Miramac Metals, Inc. Expands to Big Pasco

After many years of shipping products to the Tri-Cities area, Miramac Metals, Inc., opened a full manufacturing facility at the Port’s Big Pasco Industrial Center.

“We were eager to open our newest location in the Port of Pasco due to its centralized location and industrial environment,” said Jeff McDonald, with Miramac Metals. “The location is close to the main highways that direct traffic from the north, south, east and west, making it easy for the customers to get to our location from all of Central Washington and Oregon.”

Miramac Metals is the only local, complete steel roofing and siding manufacturer in the region. It stocks a

full inventory of products with different colors and multiple profiles including a full line of rustic materials.

“We work closely with many reputable contractors in the region, and we are also open to the general public for retail sales,” he said. “We use the best quality steel and paint system and provide next-day pick up or 72-hour local deliveries. We pride ourselves on our customer service and attention to details.”

Miramac Metals is based in Spokane.

Welcome Miramac Metals to the Tri-Cities, and Big Pasco.



Do you know of a business looking for a new location? **Osprey Pointe** or **Big Pasco** could be the perfect site. Come by and take a look or call the Port at **(509) 547-3378** to get the conversation started.

Get Out There, Get Healthy

The weather is perfect to lace up those walking shoes, and the Port of Pasco invites you to enjoy the recreational trails on two pieces of its property.

A portion of the 23-mile Sacagawea Heritage Trail passes through Big Pasco and Osprey Pointe. The path is paved and meanders along the Columbia River. Feel free to get your toes wet – no levee here! If you keep your eyes open, you will see a variety of wildlife both on the ground and in the sky, such as eagles and osprey, and occasionally a fox, deer or turkey may cross your path. There are several easy-to-find trail access points at Osprey Pointe and Big Pasco, too.

The Port also has property near the airport, including the Big Cross Trail between



Roads 36 and 44, north of Argent. The course is a gravel and grass path over rolling hills. Because of its adjacency to the airport, this property has limited development options, making it perfect for a walking and running trail. A big thank you to longtime Tri-Cities Bill Leahy who volunteers his time to organize work parties and maintain the trails.

Other Port property along Road 36 is used for recreational activities including city soccer fields and golf on property leased to Pasco Golfland.

So this summer, hop on your bike, slip on those running shoes or grab your clubs. Our region's wonderful quality of life is one of our biggest assets.

Date Night Summer Movie Series at Osprey Pointe

What better way to enjoy the beautiful Tri-Cities summer than to spend an evening enjoying a view of the Columbia River, good music, food from a local food truck, a cool beverage and an outdoor movie?

That's what is set for the second year of the summer movie series called **Date Night at the Pointe** (1110 Osprey Pointe Blvd., Pasco; corner of Ainsworth and Oregon Avenue). All you have to do is call up your friends and then leave the planning to us.

Admission is free, and open to those 21 and over. It starts at 7:30 p.m. with food, music and a wine and beer garden! The movies begin at dusk.



On the green at Osprey Point

Mark your calendars now for:

- **July 15**
 - Music - Badlandz
 - Serving up a great menu by Jiggy's Food Truck
 - The movie is The Intern starring Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway
- **August 19**
 - Music by The Knutzen Brothers
 - The Tri-Cities favorite Asian Fusion Street Food by the Fresh Out the Box
 - The season finale movie Spectre with Daniel Craig and Christoph Waltz

So grab your lawn chairs, blankets and friends, and join us for Date Night at the Pointe!

Tour the Port of Pasco

The Port of Pasco invites you to a tour of the Port. To get on the next scheduled tour contact Audrey at **547-3378**. The tour is free and lunch is included.



You are invited to attend meetings of the Port of Pasco Commissioners. Regular public meetings are held at 10:30 a.m., the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in Port of Pasco offices at 1110 Osprey Pointe Blvd., Ste 201. The agenda of each meeting will be available on the Port's website two days prior to the meeting.

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