

# News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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## Port Freight Director Will Serve as Chair of State Freight Advisory Subcommittee

Martin Callery, Director of Communications & Freight Mobility for the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, was asked to serve a second term as the chairman of the Projects Subcommittee of the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee by Tom Zelenka, Committee Chairman during the group's August 3, 2005, meeting in Salem. Callery has been active with the freight advisory group for more than six years.

The Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) was first established in August 1998 by a former Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director to provide increased visibility for freight mobility and its vital role in the state's trade and transportation dependent economic sectors, such as forest products, agriculture, high-tech manufacturing, the commercial and retail trades, maritime commerce and the transportation equipment industry.

In 2001, the Oregon Legislature formalized the committee through the passage of House Bill 3364, which called for the ODOT Director to appoint members of a Freight Advisory Committee to advise the Director and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on issues, policies and program that impact multimodal freight mobility in Oregon. Additional legislation in 2003 – House Bill 2041 – expanded the committee's activities.

Most recently, the Projects Subcommittee, working with ODOT staff, developed a list of statewide high-priority freight mobility projects proposed for funding through \$100 million in new bonding approved during the 2003 legislative session. The subcommittee will be involved with the project identification process for non-highway projects through ConnectOregon.

In all cases, the subcommittee forwards its work to the full OFAC, which then provides input to the OTC. The OFAC also assisted in the identification of local bridges being repaired or replaced with \$300 million in bonding authorized during the 2003 session and provides freight mobility input for ODOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP).

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