

# News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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## **Port of Coos Bay Finalizes Construction Contract for North Spit Rail Spur**

Construction of a rail spur along TransPacific Parkway to serve the Southport Forest Products mill site and other industrial property on Coos Bay's North Spit is scheduled to start on July 5, 2005. Mike Gaul, Deputy Executive Director of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, signed a contract for \$4,121,897 with LTM Inc. Coast Division (dba Bracelin-Yeager Excavating & Trucking) on Tuesday, June 28, 2005.

The contract calls for roadbed construction, installation of ballast, concrete ties and continuous rail from the Central Oregon & Pacific (CORP) Railroad mainline along North Slough to the Southport mill site, approximately three and half miles to the south and west. The work will include installation of a switch and several at-grade road crossings. Substantial completion of the rail line, except for crossing signal assemblies, is scheduled for October 15, 2005, with substantial completion of the entire project by December 15, 2005.

The Port's Board of Commissioners authorized staff to finalize a contract with LTM Inc., the apparent low bidder on the project, after a mandatory seven-day contract review period. Other bidders included Stacy & Witbeck Inc. of Portland and Laskey-Clifton Corp. from Winchester Bay. The review period ended June 23, 2005.

Local users of TransPacific Parkway are advised that trucks and heavy equipment will be working at several locations within the road corridor and traffic delays and minor detours are possible. In addition, ongoing site reclamation work at the former Weyerhaeuser Company paper mill near Jordan Cove will increase truck traffic along the roadway. Drivers should proceed with caution.

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