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The Port Commission voted unanimously to work towards a solution to the transportation issues within the City. At their meeting on October 17, the Commission dedicated \$50,000 annually for the next two years to the City of Woodland for the development of a citywide transportation plan.

“The Port was asked by the City Council and Mayor Will Finn to support their effort to address transportation and traffic congestion and the Port has agreed, that we need to be a partner to this effort. We are calling on all the partners including the Clark and Cowlitz Counties and others to participate in developing solutions,” stated Commissioner Bob Wile.

The city-wide transportation plan is necessary due to the expansive growth being proposed outside the city impacting transportation routes. Growth on both sides of the upper Lewis River valleys along with that in the Woodland Bottoms, whether proposed or underway, will significantly impact all residents. The City requested the Port’s financial support this summer and was discussed through the Port’s budget workshops.

“The Port’s future developments will contribute to the traffic issues, not as significant as residential, but it will. We need to be sitting at the table, understanding how all the decisions from industrial to residential will impact our community for years to come,” stated Executive Director Jennifer Wray-Keene. “Examining it holistically rather than project by project, will be telling and will require all entities to address it. It will not get better as we are seeing it everyday with each trip to the grocery store, or trying to turn in and out of businesses. Day by day we feel it and we need to address it now.”

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About the Port of Woodland- the Port was established in 1961 and has 425 acres of industrial and agricultural property. There are 18 companies and farms at the Port creating over 350 jobs. The Commission is committed to attracting and retaining family wage jobs, supporting the industrial development and providing recreational opportunities to the region.



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