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Columbia Section Meeting –November 15th, 2006

Date: November 15th, 2006

Place: Shilo Inn Lounge, George Washington Way, Richland

Meal: Buffet (Chef's choice) \$15 per person.
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at the meeting.

Topic: Port of Pasco BPIC Intermodal Rail Hub Development

Speaker: Randy Hayden, Port of Pasco, Director of Planning & Engineering

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at Noon.

RSVP: Paul Harmsen, pharmsen@mackaysposito.com or 509-374-4248 by November 14th, 2006.

President's Remarks:

Dear Members:

Last month the Columbia Section took a break from the lunch meeting schedule due to the APWA Conference. This month we resume the schedule with a presentation by Randy Hayden with the Port of Pasco.

Mr. Hayden will be presenting on the Port of Pasco's proposed Intermodal Rail Hub development. This is sure to be an interesting presentation. I would like to thank Allan Evans, Columbia Section Vice President, for setting up this presentation.

We are still looking for additional presentations for next year. If any of you are involved with or are aware of an exciting or interesting project in the region please forward applicable contact information to one of the Columbia Section Officers.

The ASCE Columbia Section Secretary/ Treasurer position is still vacant. Allan has been doing an excellent job of juggling both the duties of Vice President and Treasurer, but he would be more than willing to “pass the baton”. If you are interested in being on the Columbia Section board and would like to assume the Secretary/Treasurer position please contact one of the Columbia Section board members so that we get you engaged.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this month’s Columbia Section lunch meeting; I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Paul Harmsen, P.E.
Columbia Section, President

Randy Hayden, Port of Pasco, Director of Planning & Engineering

Randy Hayden graduated from the University of Washington in 1988 with a degree in Civil Engineering and earned his Professional Engineer’s license in 1993. Mr. Hayden is the Director of Planning & Engineering at the Port of Pasco and joined the Port in September 2000.

His primary responsibilities include strategic planning for long range development, master plan implementation at the Port’s commercial and industrial sites, and coordination of the Marine Terminal cleanup project.

Before joining the Port, Mr. Hayden worked at HDR Engineering wherein he obtained extensive experience on industrial facilities, water and wastewater systems, subdivisions, rail, and site development. He was the project engineer on several local projects, namely, TRAC; Posse Stadium; the Pasco Processing Center; and the Broadmoor Mall and Arterial.

Mr. Hayden is married to Annette Hayden, a nurse at the Hospice House, and they have three children, 2 to 5 years old.

May 12, 2006

PORT OF PASCO AWARDS CONTRACT TO CONSTRUCT INTERMODAL RAIL HUB AT BIG PASCO

(Pasco, WA) At the regularly scheduled Commission meeting of May 6, 2006, the Port of Pasco Commission awarded a contract to Railworks of Chehalis, Washington in the amount of \$4.43 million to construct the initial phases of the Big Pasco Industrial Center Intermodal Hub Development Project.

Construction will entail installing a new spur track from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) "Walla Walla" line, removal of 14,240 feet of Port of Pasco existing railroad track, laying 17,260 feet of new track within Big Pasco that will include a run-around track to facilitate switching, and new rail tracks at the Container Barge Terminal slip.

"This project will secure and expand rail connection to deep water ports for freight that was displaced with the loss of two international shipping lines at the Port of Portland," stated Commissioner Boston. It will foster competitive freight prices for agricultural producers shipping to international markets and will stimulate the regional economy by creating a Pacific Northwest distribution point for domestic westbound freight.

Prior to September 2004, containers were shipped almost exclusively by barge to the Port of Portland where they were transloaded onto vessels destined for international markets. In September 2004, two international shipping lines stopped calling the Port of Portland requiring producers to haul their containers to the Port of Tacoma either by truck or rail. As a result container shipments at the Port of Pasco fell from 400 per month to less than 60 per month, and containers on rail increased from 30 per month to 200 per month.

Construction will begin in June and complete in February 2007.

In May 2005, through Senator Mike Hewitt's efforts, the Washington State Legislature authorized partial funding for the project. The allocated dollars were part of the 2005-2007 Washington State Transportation Budget. "This project is important to our area in keeping the flow of goods to market and helping the economic vitality of our region", stated Senator Mike Hewitt, Senate Minority Leader 16th Legislative District.

To supplement the funding provided by the State, the Port of Pasco is working with our Washington State Congressional Delegation in their effort to obtain federal funds to complete the final two phases of the project. The final phases include installing a 7000 lineal foot track along the north side of the BPIC, and installation of a spur track at the east end of the BPIC onto the BNSF Walla Walla mainline.