



PORT OF CENTRALIA

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I-5/MELLEN STREET CONNECTOR STAGE 1 PROJECT CONTINUES

Midway Underground is continuing its work on the I-5/Mellen Street Connector Stage 1 project for the new Centralia Station development. The Brotherson Road Apartments, a 12-plex that was the last remaining structure in the project area, has been demolished to make way for the new road that will service anchor tenant WinCo Foods. Fencing has also been installed along the railroad to the east of the project site.

The project, which was awarded in August 2022 for \$6.1 million, includes relocating, widening, and constructing roads; removing existing utilities; and installing sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure. It is expected to be completed July 2023.

2023 SMALL WORKS ROSTER AND ARCHITECT & ENGINEERING ROSTER NOW OPEN

Contractors interested in working with the Port of Centralia can now join the 2023 Small Works Roster. Applications are available on the Port's website. Architect, engineering, and consulting firms can submit Standard Form 330s. Both rosters are open for submissions until December 31, 2023.

I-5 OFFRAMP PROJECT GOES TO BID

The Port of Centralia is now accepting bid proposals for Stage 2 of the Mellen Street Connection project. Bids are due at the Port of Centralia Administrative Office at 2:00 pm on April 18, 2023. The estimated cost of the project is between \$3.5 and \$4 million and includes widening the existing I-5 offramp, constructing a new I-5 connection road, drainage, erosion control, street lighting and signalization, road striping, and signage. Interested bidders can find the bid package including plans and specifications on the Builders Exchange of Washington website www.bxwa.com.

PORT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Port of Centralia completed its website overhaul and launched its new site in February 2023. In addition to Port Commission meeting minutes and agendas, visitors can now listen to meeting recordings and view the events calendar for upcoming meetings. The new website was designed by The Silver Agency.

Check out the Port of Centralia's
new website at
www.portofcentralia.com!



The Truss Company

Manufacturing floor and roof trusses at Centralia facility



The Truss Company manufactures metal-plated and wooden floor and roof trusses. It sells its products directly to national builders; custom builders and remodelers; lumber yards; insurance companies; and homeowners. The company gives back to the community by donating truss packages to nonprofit organizations.

In 1985, The Truss Company & Building Supply was founded by Michael J. Corliss in Tacoma. Over the years The Truss Company has grown through both acquisitions and locating to new markets. Today, the Truss Company has nine facilities in Washington, Oregon, and California and employs 600 people. Its newest facility, located in Redmond, Oregon, will be operational this summer.

The Centralia plant, located in the Port's Park II, opened in 2020. It comprises an 80,000-square-foot production facility and a 3,500-square-foot office building. Centralia was a good fit due to its close proximity to the company's facility in Sumner, Washington.

The central location also allows easy distribution from Joint Base Lewis-McChord to Portland. "Our Centralia facility was born from a need for housing in the less densely populated areas as land has become more difficult and cost prohibitive to develop," said office manager Molly Williams. While the facility construction was challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she said, "The community and the jurisdiction have been extremely welcoming, and we couldn't be happier with our decision to build here."

The Truss Company's Centralia facility currently has 38 total employees and is currently hiring drivers. The company has many entry-level employment opportunities with options for growth.

"The Truss Company would like to thank the hardworking and dedicated employees of the Centralia location for all that they do and have done to make this new facility a success," said Williams. "We would also like to thank the Port of Centralia and surrounding communities for such a warm welcome."

The Truss Company
is hiring drivers!
Please call (360) 669-4200
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A LETTER FROM YOUR COMMISSION PRESIDENT

As we welcome the spring season, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some exciting developments at the Port. In our last newsletter, I shared that the Port awarded bid to a local contractor for the Yew Street extension project (Stage 1). If you have had the opportunity recently to check out the progress, you will see that crews have demolished the last of the old buildings, and the Yew Street extension is underway. The contractor has completed most utility infrastructure and water retention ponds. Soon to be completed are the street paving, sidewalks, streetlights, and traffic signals. This portion of the project is now slightly ahead of schedule and under budget.

The Port called for bids on the project's offramp (Stage 2) portion in late March. Contractors are reviewing bid documents and have until April 18th to submit their bids. I am excited to award bid on this last phase of the Centralia Station infrastructure and see this project kick into high gear!

I anticipate that once we are underway with Stage 2 of the infrastructure, many new businesses will be interested in joining WinCo Foods and locating to Centralia Station. Choosing the best possible tenants for Centralia Station remains the top priority. I, like many of you, am looking forward to having the option of grocery shopping at WinCo Foods.

The Port remains focused on enhancing our local economy while growing sustainably, increasing tax revenue to support our local social services, and creating quality employment opportunities for this great community we call home.

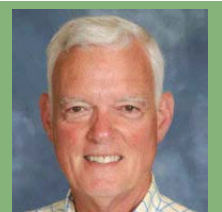
If you would like to know where to find more information about the Port of Centralia or share your thoughts, please feel free to contact me at markstrom@portofcentralia.com.



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Port of Centralia Commission meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Port's Administrative Office, located at 3508 Galvin Road, Centralia, WA 98531. Members of the public can attend in-person or via teleconference.

LEASING & PURCHASE OPPORTUNITIES

Call (360) 736-3527 for more information.

- ▶ Fully entitled sites ranging from 1 to 100 acres
- ▶ BNSF/Union Pacific rail service
- ▶ Easy I-5 & Highway 12 access
- ▶ Lease & outright sale options
- ▶ Excellent soils with year-round capabilities & no wetlands or other constraints
- ▶ 91 miles to Port of Portland
- ▶ 85 miles to Port of Seattle
- ▶ Unlimited sewer/water capacities
- ▶ 78 miles to Port of Tacoma

PORT COMMISSION SUPPORTS CENTRALIA SCHOOLS

At its March 15, 2023, meeting, the Port of Centralia Commissioners passed a resolution expressing its collective support of Centralia School District's Educational Programs & Operations Levy. The Port Commissioners recognized the vital importance quality education plays in the vitality of local economy, caliber of workforce, retention of businesses in the area, and effect on the community's future generations.

Centralia School District is asking voters to consider a two-year replacement levy at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to help fund additional educational, health, and security staff members; performance arts and athletic programs; field trips; and resources for students that require extra assistance. Voting on the levy takes place April 25, 2023.

PORT OF CENTRALIA ADVOCATES FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

The Port of Centralia joined Lewis County and the City of Centralia by voicing its support of the West Connector project. The Commissioners passed a resolution declaring the development of the project a welcome improvement, bringing with it not only significant benefits to industrial access but also to school and hospital traffic. They also stated that the completion of the West Connector project would increase the likelihood of state and federal approval of a north Centralia I-5 interchange in the future. The project would connect Harrison Avenue with arterial roads to the south with the goal of eventually terminating at Highway 6.

Additionally, the Port of Centralia Commissioners allocated \$15,000 for flood mitigation efforts with the Economic Alliance of Lewis County.



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