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PORT OF KENNEWICK REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2026 MINUTES

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Commission Vice President Skip Novakovich called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Board Members: Kenneth Hohenberg, President (Excused)
Skip Novakovich, Vice President
Raul Contreras Gonzalez, Secretary

MOTION: *Commissioner Contreras Gonzalez moved to excuse Commissioner Hohenberg's absence from the August 11, 2026 Commission Meeting; Commissioner Novakovich seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 2:0.*

Staff Members: Tim Arntzen, Chief Executive Officer
Nick Kooiker, CFO/Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Larry Peterson, Director of Planning (via telephone)
Amber Hanchette, Director of Real Estate (via telephone)
Michael Boehnke, Director of Operations
Rochelle Olson, Director of Governmental Relations
Bridgette Scott, Executive Assistant (via telephone)
Lisa Schumacher, Special Projects Coordinator
David Phongsas, Marketing/Capital Projects Coordinator
Carolyn Lake, Port Counsel (via telephone)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Don Wicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Direct Deposit and E-Payments Dated July 17, 2026**
Direct Deposit and E-Payments totaling \$103,662.17
- B. Approval of Warrant Register Dated July 28, 2026**
Expense Fund Voucher Number 108137 through 108175 for a grand total of \$180,078.32
- C. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026**
- D. Approval of Direct Deposit and E-Payments Dated July 31, 2026**
Direct Deposit and E-Payments totaling \$131,788.04

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E. Approval of Warrant Register Dated August 11, 2026

Expense Fund Voucher Number 108176 through 108220 for a grand total of \$165,771.75

F. Approval of Certificate of Appreciation and Retirement for Michael Melia

MOTION: *Commissioner Contreras Gonzalez moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Novakovich seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 2:0.*

PRESENTATION

A. Purple Heart Proclamation, Kevin Veleke & Kennewick VFW Honor Guard Members

Commissioner Novakovich introduced Kevin Veleke, former Kennewick Man of the Year, who has done a lot of work around the Tri-Cities for Veteran's Memorials.

Mr. Veleke, Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) member, a Marine, and Vietnam Veteran, has been working as a coordinator of the Purple Heart Project, and stated the Port of Kennewick is the first Port in Washington to be designated a Purple Heart Port. Mr. Veleke introduced members of local VFW Post 5785, including Purple Heart recipient and Army veteran Don Wicks, Army veteran Jim Witt, Marine veteran Kevin Veleke and Navy veteran Mike Dotson. The VFW is an organization that serves veterans and provides support and leadership to youth organizations in the Tri-Cities. Honor Guard members provide Color Guard services for Veteran's funerals, parades, baseball games, and school assemblies.

Commissioner Novakovich read a Proclamation Declaring Port of Kennewick as a Purple Heart Port (*Exhibit A*) into the record and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Wicks.

"WHEREAS, Port of Kennewick and our community have great admiration and the utmost gratitude and respect for all who have served, and are selflessly serving our country and community in the Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served the Armed Services have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, service members of our country and community have received the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaging in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Kennewick, Kennewick, WA, seeks to remember and

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recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

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ADOPTED this 11th day of August 2026."

B. Maintenance Department Update

Mr. Boehnke presented an update on the maintenance program that the team uses to track work orders, projects, outstanding and routine maintenance. Our new Maintenance Manager researched the program and learned we can track maintenance, service and costs for Port vehicles and equipment (*Exhibit B*). The capability of the software is far reaching and will assist our department tremendously.

REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Retirement of Commissioner Ken Hohenberg

Mr. Arntzen stated the Port received a letter from Commissioner Hohenberg and read the letter into the record (*Exhibit C*):

"Effective September 1, 2026, I have decided it would be in my best interest to step down from my position as port commissioner to be able to spend more time with my family. The last 4 ½ years have been rewarding as the district 1 commissioner. Vista Field continues to grow, and I know the current commissioners will continue to make Vista Field their number one priority. Sincerely Ken Hohenberg"

Commissioner Novakovich stated this is a loss to the Port of Kennewick. Commissioner Hohenberg is an amazing person and friend, who spent a lot of time serving the community. Commissioner Hohenberg worked tirelessly and has been a tremendous asset to the Port.

Commissioner Contreras Gonzalez expressed his appreciation and inquired if the Port can offer Commissioner Hohenberg an Ambassador position if he is interested.

Commissioner Novakovich inquired if staff can put the Ambassador Program on the next Agenda for discussion.

Mr. Arntzen stated the Commission previously discussed some edits to the program and staff updated the policy. Mr. Arntzen believes it will apply in this situation and if the Commission

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would like to consider that, he will work with staff to get it on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Arntzen outlined the specifics of the Ambassador program.

It is the Consensus of the Commission to accept Commissioner Hohenberg's resignation, effective September 1, 2026.

Mr. Arntzen stated the next step will be the appointment process, where the Port will follow the statutory procedures for replacement of a Port Commissioner. The vacancy does not go into effect until September 1, 2026. Mr. Arntzen and Ms. Lake will work on the process and present it at a future Commission Meeting and stated we will remain completely transparent during the process. Mr. Arntzen stated the final applicant would serve the balance of Commissioner Hohenberg's term, until December 31, 2027.

B. 2027-2028 Budget Memo

Mr. Arntzen stated staff have been working on the 2027-2028 draft Budget and at the next Commission Meeting staff will present the 2027-2028 draft Work Plan, which is a list of projects the Commission would like to see accomplished and essentially sets the Budget. Mr. Arntzen stated the Commission's priority has been the development of Vista Field, and he expects it will remain at the top of the list. The majority of items are projects the Commission has already discussed or that have been allocated previously, for example, the commitment to BlueChart Homes.

Mr. Kooiker stated there are several items in the draft budget that the Commission has already committed to. The focus needs to be on sustainability, and projecting five to ten years out, to protect what we have. Mr. Kooiker stated the CTUIR Powwow assistance, by direction of the Commission, will utilize the entire opportunity fund for 2027-2028. Mr. Kooiker briefed the Commission on the schedule for the Work Plan and Budget:

- August 25, 2026: Present Draft 2027-2028 Work Plan;
- September 8, 2026: Approval 2027-2028 Work Plan;
- September 22-October 27th, 2026: Discuss 2027-2028 Draft Budget.

C. Vista Field

1. Parking Lot Project

Mr. Peterson stated the Port will be adding striping and signage to Crosswind Boulevard for a new parking lane. This is a previous commitment made to the City of Kennewick and the Kennewick Fire Department and a minor change to the roadway. Additionally, currently out for bid is the upcoming parking lot project for the North and South Woonerf, located east of Kuki Izakaya and Blueberry Bridal. The 62-spot parking lot will serve existing businesses and lots available for sale. The bids are due September 2, 2026, and Mr. Peterson will present the bid to the Commission for possible approval on September 8, 2026.

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D. Kennewick Waterfront

1. Columbia Drive Overlay and Restriping Project

Mr. Peterson reported the City of Kennewick will be paving and re-striping Columbia Drive and is seeking input on creating a center turn lane into Columbia Gardens (*Exhibit D*). The Port coordinated with local businesses on Columbia Drive and sent a letter to the City, supporting the center turn lane.

2. Passenger Boat Update

Mr. Arntzen briefed the Commission on the passenger boat and stated the ports of Pasco & Benton are supportive of the idea. Mr. Arntzen will work with Karl Dye, CEO of TRIDEC on a potential external funding source.

3. Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA) Reception

Commissioner Novakovich reported that the Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA) held a conference in the Tri-Cities and over 200 people attended. The Association held a reception at Columbia Gardens on Wednesday evening, and it was very well attended.

Ms. Olson stated Mr. Phongsa was a great support to WEDA and it was an opportunity for the Port to showcase Columbia Gardens. Ms. Olson stated Commissioner Novakovich made the welcoming remarks at the event.

Mr. Phongsa coordinated with the businesses, and everyone was busy and happy with the turnout.

4. Columbia Gardens Tree Removal

Mr. Boehnke reported that four trees were removed from a vacant lot in Columbia Gardens (*Exhibit E*). The trees were well past their life span and a safety hazard. The removal opened up a beautiful waterfront lot.

5. Lighthouse Swallows

Mr. Arntzen reported the nesting season is over for the swallows and we can now clean up the lighthouse. Mr. Arntzen will be working with Chris Herath on a solution to deter the swallows from building nests on the lighthouse in the future.

E. CEO Report

Mr. Arntzen introduced Friend of the Port, Mark Blotz, former Clover Island Inn Manager/Owner.

Mr. Blotz thanked the Commission for bringing in the VFW and stated his dad was a member who served in World War II. Mr. Blotz brought a variety of music acts to Clover Island over the last 20 years and was proud of the concert series. Mr. Blotz updated the Commission on his travels and thanked Mr. Arntzen for the opportunity to come by and say hello.

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Mr. Arntzen reported on the following:

- The port team attended a second John Maxwell training that focused on improved internal communication and “blind spots.”
- US Army Corps of Engineers will be hosting a tour of the jurisdictions for the new Commander. Locations include Clover Island and Duffy’s Pond.
- Mr. Arntzen and Commissioner Novakovich will be part of a breakout session at the WPPA Environmental Conference in September. The Port representatives and PFAS team have been asked to present how the Port dealt with the PFAS issue at Vista Field.

F. Commissioner Meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals)

Commissioners reported on their respective committee meetings.

G. Non-Scheduled Items

Mr. Phongsa wished Commissioner Contreras Gonzalez a happy birthday.

Mr. Arntzen stated Ms. Lake will also be present for the WPPA PFAS session.

Commissioner Contreras Gonzalez thanked everyone for their birthday wishes.

Commissioner Novakovich stated Commissioner Hohenberg will be missed, but he understands that he needs to spend time with his family. Commissioner Novakovich expressed his appreciation for all the work Commissioner Hohenberg did for the community and Port.

Commissioner Novakovich inquired if there was a plan for the lot where the trees were removed.

Mr. Boehnke said there are no immediate plans, but the lot will be used for additional parking.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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APPROVED:

**PORT of KENNEWICK
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

Excused

Kenneth Hohenberg, President

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Skip Novakovich

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Skip Novakovich, Vice President

Signed by:

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Raul Contreras Gonzalez, Secretary

EXHIBIT A



PORT of KENNEWICK

Proclamation Declaring Port of Kennewick As A Purple Heart Port

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Skip Novakovich, Commissioner


Raul Contreras Gonzalez, Commissioner



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Tomorrow

Frame in small roll up door at Vista Field Storage Hanger

To Do

Aug 28

ad addition outlets to Admin office downstairs riser room

Aug 31

Change Thermostat for warmer weather

To Do

Mar 3, 2027

Change Thermostat for colder weather

To Do

Oct 1, 2028

Clean Gutters - 313, 421 (Columbia Gardens)

To Do

Mar 3, 2035

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VF - Signs Place no fish	Mike Boehnke		Vista Field			May 14
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Install Bird Spikes on Marina Gates	Mike Boehnke		Clover Is...		AE	
Lighthouse wall stones needed	Mike Boehnke		Clover Is...		MM AE L	
Fix Maglock - Boat Launch Restroom/Schedule 2	Michael A M...		Clover Is...	APS		
Replace Soap Dispensers in Men's and Women's Restroom 2 1	Kandy Yates		Roosevelt			
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August 7, 2026

Mr. Tim Arntzen
Chief Executive Officer
Port of Kennewick
350 Clover Island Drive, Suite 200
Kennewick, WA 99336

Tim,

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Sincerely,

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Kenneth Hohenberg
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Ken Hohenberg



July 22, 2026

Subject: P2601 Columbia Drive & Clearwater Ave. Pavement Preservation
Columbia Drive Lane Reconfiguration

Dear Property Owner,

The City of Kennewick is pleased to announce that it has received Federal funding for the Columbia Drive and Clearwater Avenue Pavement Preservation Project. The project includes grinding and overlaying Columbia Drive from Fruitland Street to SR-397 and Clearwater Avenue from Kellogg Street to Union Street.

The new asphalt overlay will provide a smoother, more durable driving surface, extend the service life of the roadway, and improve overall ride quality. As part of the project, pavement markings will be upgraded to enhance safety, and sidewalk crossings and pedestrian curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Design is anticipated to begin in late Summer 2026, with construction currently planned for Spring 2027.

As part of the design process, the City is evaluating current traffic operations along the corridor to identify opportunities to improve both safety and traffic flow. Because the roadway will already be restriped following the overlay, modifications to the existing lane configuration can be implemented with little to no additional project cost.

One improvement under consideration is the addition of a two-way center left-turn lane on Columbia Drive between Washington Street and SR-397 (North Gum Street).

The City has received feedback from several commercial property owners and managers along this corridor expressing concerns about vehicles waiting to make left turns into their businesses. Currently, these vehicles must stop within a through lane, increasing the potential for rear-end collisions. A dedicated center turn lane would provide a protected area for these turning movements, improving both safety and traffic operations.

To accommodate the proposed center turn lane within the existing roadway width, on-street parking along this segment of Columbia Drive would be removed. "No Parking" signs would also be installed in order to deter on-street parking.

EMAIL heath.mellotte@ci.kennewick.wa.us **PHONE** 509-585-4287 **CELL** 509-405-5857
ADDRESS 210 W 6th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99336-0108
WEBSITE go2kennewick.com

The City welcomes your input on this proposed lane reconfiguration. Please submit your comments, whether in support of or opposed to the proposal, to Heath Mellotte, Design Services Manager, at heath.mellotte@ci.kennewick.wa.us no later than Friday, August 7, 2026. Your feedback will be considered as the design process moves forward.

Thank you for your time and participation in helping improve our community's transportation system.

Sincerely,

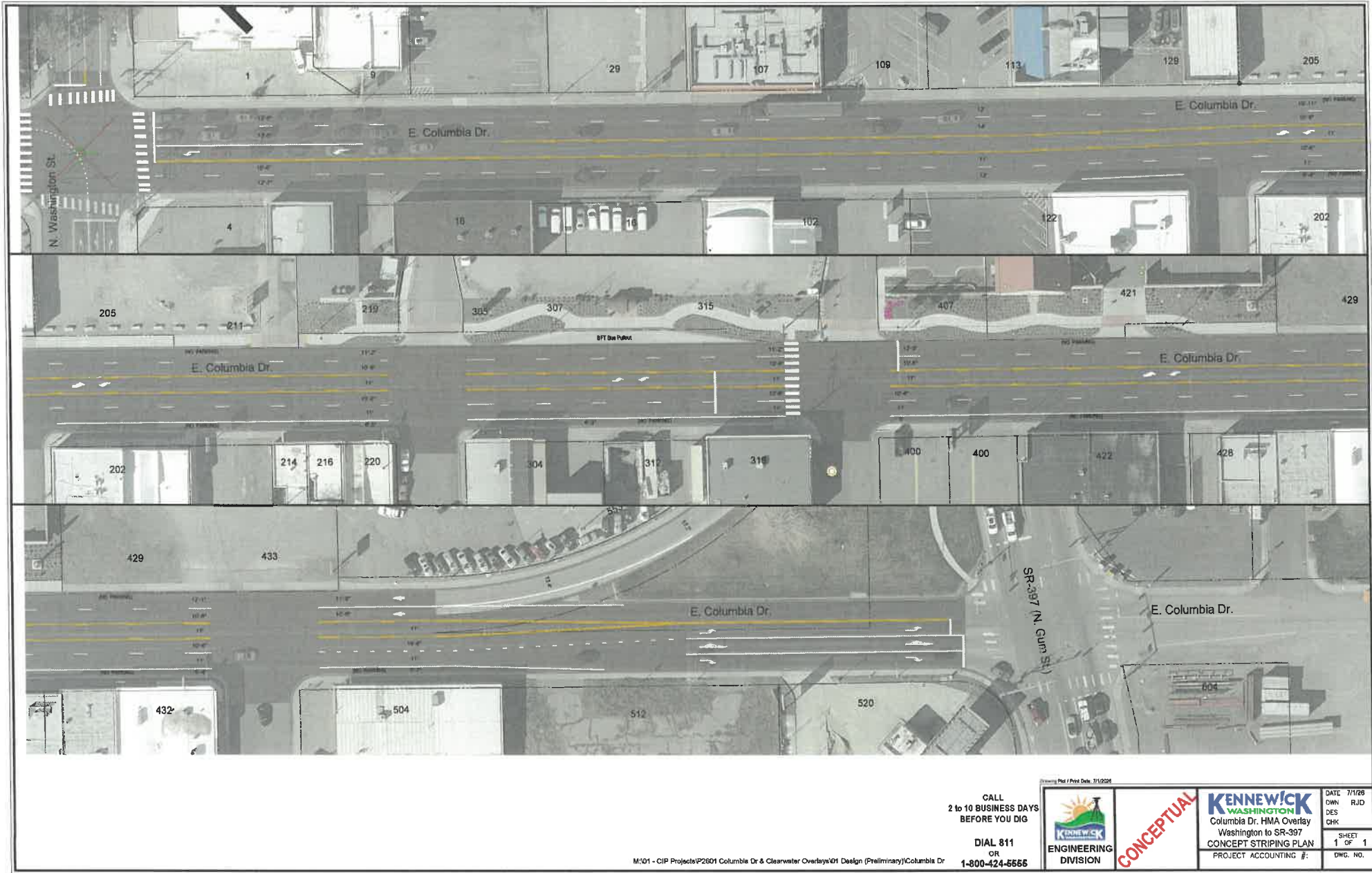
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heath Mellotte".

Heath Mellotte, P.E.
Design Services Manager

Attachment: Exhibit Map

cc: Sandra Quandt
Project File

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August 4, 2026

Heath Mellotte, P.E.
Design Services Manager
City of Kennewick
210 W. 6th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

RE: Support for Columbia Drive Lane Reconfiguration

Dear Mr. Mellotte:

Port of Kennewick strongly supports city of Kennewick's proposal to add a two-way center left-turn lane on Columbia Drive between Washington Street and SR 397 (North Gum Street).

The lane reconfiguration is a crucial change that will significantly increase safety for drivers and pedestrians and improve access to the businesses along that stretch of Columbia Drive, including the port's Columbia Gardens Artisan Village.

We have also received reports from several business owners at Columbia Gardens of near-miss accidents and collisions as people wait in the busy roadway to make the left turn. Additionally, some of our employees have narrowly escaped being hit as they are stopped in traffic.

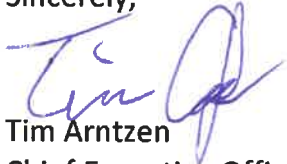
Such a necessary improvement is also in alignment with the city/port joint Historic Waterfront District Master Plan, which was developed with input from community members and other stakeholders. From that plan:

The port should support the city's efforts to improve Washington Street and Columbia Drive to reduce traffic speed, improve comfort and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, and further create a unique district identity. Further, the plan recommends the port and city identify additional ways to partner to better connect the two areas and increase the economic vitality of both. These could include adopting design standards for the greater area, improving wayfinding, and adding safe and comfortable pedestrian and bicycle connections.

Thank you for your efforts to address this issue that will protect public safety and improve access for Columbia Gardens and the many businesses along Columbia Drive that will benefit from reconfiguring the lanes.

On behalf of Port of Kennewick, I encourage the city to add a two-way center left-turn lane as a demonstration of public safety and traffic flow. You have our full backing.

Sincerely,



Tim Arntzen
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Erin Erdman, City Manager, City of Kennewick















