# Economic Development Informational Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2025 @ 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

## Walla Walla Regional Airport Terminal, 45 Terminal Loop Road, Walla Walla

<u>Economic Development Informational Meeting (EDIM) are updates on the Port's implementation of its</u> economic development plan. No business or official actions will be taken by the Port Commissioners.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance 12:00 PM
- 2. Welcome & Introductions
- 3. Results of 2024 Economic Development Plan (Separate Attachment)
- 4. Review DRAFT 2025 Economic Development Plan (Separate Attachment)
- 5. 2025 Economic Development Plan
  - A. Small Business Development
    - Update Walla Walla Small Business Development Center Paul Bowen, SBDC Advisor
  - B. Economic Profiling
    - Economic Monthly Indicators (Separate Attachment)

#### C. Existing Business Retention/Expansion

- Presentation Providence St. Mary Medical Center Reza Kaleel, Chief Executive & Lacey Perry, Chief Philanthropy Officer
- Update on Alaska Airline 2024 Airline Passenger Numbers (Exhibit 1) & 2025 Flight Schedule (Exhibit 2)

### D. Business Recruitment/Marketing & Advertising (Exhibit 3)

Update on Recent and/or New Business Leads

- Project Mjolnir Fusion Energy Equipment MFG Stearns Kelly Property (Wallula)
   Update on Previous Business Projects & Leads
- Rockwool North America Stone Wool Insulation MFG Wallula Gap Business Park
- Project CP Plastics HDPE Plastic MFG Dodd Road Industrial Park
- Advanced Phase, LLC Data Center Wallula Gap Business Park
- SkyNRG MFG of Sustainable Aviation Fuels Wallula Gap Business Park
- Project Energy Force EV Battery MFG Wallula Gap Business Park
- Project Crosland Food Distribution Warehouse Avery Business Park
   Business Leads Closed –

### E. Site & Infrastructure

- US Highway 12 Phase 8 & Corridor Completion Project Press Release (Exhibit 4)
- Update US Highway 12 Clinton Interchange Project
- Avery Business Park Infrastructure Improvements
- Update Mill Creek Flood Control Construction Project
- Review Economic Development Sales Tax Fund (EDSTF) Account (Exhibit 5)

#### F. Economic Development Advocacy

- 2025 Economic Development Informational Meeting (EDIM) Schedule (Exhibit 6)
- Other Economic Development Organization Reports City of Walla Walla, City of College Place, County of Walla Walla, Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, School Districts, Visit Walla Walla, Downtown Walla Walla Foundation & Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance.

Next EDIM is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Port staff will keep EDIM participants informed if there are any changes to the meeting format

# WALLA WALLA REGIONAL AIRPORT Commercial Air Load Factor Report

Year 2024: Outbound (Walla Walla to Seattle)
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Flight #	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	2024 Year End	Dec 2023	2023 Year End	2022 Year End	2021 Year End	2020 Year End	2019 Year End
5:00 AM	62.28%	62.15%	71.10%	63.11%	70.63%	71.87%	68.42%	63.03%	76.54%	78.29%	72.60%	77.58%	69.94%	70.89%	70.20%	81.15%	75.56%	44.22%	80.47%
Rev Pass.	994	1,228	1,675	1,439	1,664	1,584	1,508	1,485	1,745	1,785	1,545	1,474	18,126	1,293	5,602	14,432	20,157	10,990	21,099
No. of Flights	21	26	31	30	31	29	29	31	30	30	28	25	341	24	105	234	351	327	345
1:45 PM	65.23%	58.03%	65.87%	61.14%	66.88%	72.41%	64.56%	63.64%	79.47%	78.29%	75.09%	82.71%	69.43%	75.73%	76.63%	71.45%	68.40%	42.52%	80.01%
Rev Pass.	1,388	1,279	1,552	1,394	1,474	1,651	1,521	1,451	1,812	1,785	1,655	1,823	18,785	1,669	21,024	19,278	17,830	7,529	21,464
No. of Flights	28	29	31	30	29	30	31	30	30	30	29	29	356	29	361	355	343	233	353
Average	63.96%	59.98%	68.48%	62.13%	68.82%	72.15%	66.43%	63.33%	78.00%	78.29%	73.87%	80.34%	69.68%	73.54%	75.18%	75.31%	70.03%	43.26%	75.36%

12/2024 Cancel	Reason	12/2023 Cancel	Service Day 1971
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#### Year 2024: Inbound (Seattle to Walla Walla)

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Flight #	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	2024 Year End	Dec 2023	2023 Year End	and the second second			2019 Year End
1:05 PM	74.41%	63.29%	73.01%	73.51%	76.45%	75.35%	75.55%	79.52%	81.36%	83.16%	76.13%	83.62%	76.29%	77.63%	77.30%	82.57%	74.37%	48.54%	80.35%
Rev Pass.	1,640	1,395	1,720	1,676	1,685	1,718	1,780	1,813	1,855	1,896	1,678	1,843	20,699	1,711	21,209	22,402	19,670	8,595	21,372
No. of Flights	29	29	31	30	29	30	31	30	30	30	29	29	357	29	361	357	348	233	350
11:50 PM	51.63%	50.81%	58.62%	57.54%	58.15%	62.66%	54.08%	60.36%	68.73%	68.25%	63.53%	61.04%	59.88%	51.50%	53.53%	61.90%	61.48%	43.30%	66.96%
Rev Pass.	824	1,004	1,381	1,312	1,370	1,381	1,192	1,422	1,567	1,556	1,352	1,067	15,428	861	4,231	11,056	16,260	7,601	16,945
No. of Flights	21	26	31	30	31	29	29	31	30	30	28	23	339	22	104	235	348	231	333
Average	64.84%	57.39%	65.81%	65.53%	67.00%	69.11%	65.18%	69.78%	75.04%	75.70%	69.94%	73.63%	68.30%	66.36%	71.99%	74.36%	67.84%	43.16%	74.45%

12/2024 Cancel	Section 1997 Annual Section 1997	12/2023 Cancel	Mary Committee Committee
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## Combined Inbound/Outbound Average

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- 1	Average:	64.40%	58.68%	67.15%	63.83%	67.91%	70.63%	65.80%	66.56%	76.52%	77.00%	71.91%	76.98%	68.99%	69.95%	73.58%	74.84%	68.94%	43.21%	74.91%

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Note: Passengers Numbers represented are "Revenue" passengers only.

# Walla Walla Regional Airport Monthly Passenger Enplanements (Outbound)

	JA	N	FE	В	MA	R	API	3	MA	·Υ	JU	IN	JU	L	AU	<u>G</u>	SE	P	00	T	NO	v	DEC	
	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non												
2013 Enplanements	2,279	95	2,334	90	2,849	96	2,630	85	2,885	95	2,824	77	2,634	120	2,470	111	2,851	90	3,055	106	2,839	113	3,400	71
2013 Y-T-D	2,279	95	4,613	185	7,462	281	10,092	366	12,977	461	15,801	538	18,435	658	20,905	769	23,756	859	26,811	965	29,650	1,078	33,050	1,149
2014 Enplanements	2,450	100	2,441	96	3,021	97	2,874	97	2,965	97	3,270	95	2,958	113	2,909	102	3,267	85	3,338	95	3,278	84	3,501	73
2014 Y-T-D	2,450	100	4,891	196	7,912	293	10,786	390	13,751	487	17,021	582	19,979	695	22,888	797	26,155	882	29,493	977	32,771	1,061	36,272	1,134
2015 Enplanements	2,789	90	2,973	88	3,444	87	3,334	112	3,661	98	3,528	115	3,379	123	3,500	113	3,520	107	3,782	101	3,549	112	3,800	90
2015 Y-T-D	2,789	90	5,762	178	9,206	265	12,540	377	16,201	475	19,729	590	23,108	713	26,608	826	30,128	933	33,910	1,034	37,459	1,146	<b>41,259</b>	1,236
2016 Enplanements	3,102	97	3,041	94	3,890	106	3,938	132	4,220	142	4,567	124	3,722	144	3,973	150	4,063	144	4,615	117	4,007	116	4,284	111
2016 Y-T-D	3,102	97	6,143	191	10,033	297	13,971	429	18,191	571	22,758	695	26,480	839	30,453	989	34,516	1,133	39,131	1,250	43,138	1,366	47,422	1,477
2017 Enplanements	3,881	151	3,517	154	4,576	155	4,123	129	4,059	140	4,360	158	3,541	153	4,122	155	3,791	142	4,452	86	4,532	81	4,642	88
2017 Y-T-D	3,881	151	7,398	305	11,974	460	16,097	589	20,156	729	24,516	887	28,057	1,040	32,179	1,195	35,970	1,337	40,422	1,423	44,954	1,504	49,596	1,592
2018 Enplanements	3,940	140	3,811	124	4,765	100	4,338	93	4,629	123	4,454	116	4,249	171	3,881	105	3,526	80	3,735	91	3,862	101	4,473	94
2018 Y-T-D	3,940	140	7,751	264	12,516	364	16,854	457	21,483	580	25,937	696	30,186	867	34,067	972	37,593	1,052	41,328	1,143	45,190	1,244	49,663	1,338
2019 Enplanements	3,102	113	2,601	50	4,095	107	3,994	136	4,595	119	4,714	106	4,095	146	4,202	108	4,379	94	4,694	95	4,152	110	4,791	78
2019 Y-T-D	3,102	113	5,703	163	9,798	270	13,792	406	18,387	525	23,101	631	27,196	777	31,398	885	35,777	979	40,471	1,074	44,623	1,184	49,414	1,262
2020 Enplanements	3,545	74	3,435	92	1,763	47	116	9	356	14	773	19	938	47	1,331	89	1,340	53	1,854	67	1,664	68	1,553	57
2020 Y-T-D	3,545	74	6,980	166	8,743	213	8,859	222	9,215	236	9,988	255	10,926	302	12,257	391	13,597	444	15,451	511	17,115	579	18,668	636
2021 Enplanements	1,557	62	1,508	44	2,546	68	2,971	108	3,957	81	4,287	79	3,867	74	3,842	43	3,909	67	3,447	86	3,604	52	3,784	44
2021 Y-T-D	1,557	62	3,065	106	5,611	174	8,582	282	12,539	363	16,826	442	20,693	516	24,535	559	28,444	626	31,891	712	35,495	764	39,279	808
2022 Enplanements	2,593	78	2,730	63	3,851	95	3,275	67	3,600	61	3,451	63	3,140	88	3,121	99	2,101	44	2,006	42	1,926	35	1,921	29
2022 Y-T-D	2,593	78	5,323	141	9,174	236	12,449	303	16,049	364	19,500	427	22,640	515	25,761	614	27,862	658	29,868	700	31,794	735	33,715	764
2023 Enplanements	1,807	47	1,672	41	1,825	29	1,713	39	1,781	52	1,884	45	1,754	73	1,766	45	2,788	83	3,410	84	3,264	81	2,962	74
2023 Y-T-D	1,807	47	3,479	88	5,304	117	7,017	156	8,798	208	10,682	253	12,436	326	14,202	371	16,990	454	20,400	538	23,664	619	26,626	693
2024 Enplanements	2,382	60	2,507	91	3,227	127	2,833	115	3,138	124	3,235	122	3,029	134	2,936	108	3,557	86	3,570	118	3,200	149	3,297	97
2024 Y-T-D	2,382	60	4,889	151	8,116	278	10,949	393	14,087	517	17,322	639	20,351	773	23,287	881	26,844	967	30,414	1,085	33,614	1,234	36,911	1,331
Mthly % Change - 23 to 24 % Change YTD - 23 to 24	31.8% 31.8%		49.9% 40.5%		76.8% 53.0%		65.4% 56.0%		76.2% 60.1%		71.7% 62.2%		72.7% 63.6%		66.3% 64.0%		27.6% 58.0%		4.7% 49.1%		-2.0% 42.0%		11.3% 38.6%	

# Walla Walla Regional Airport Monthly Passenger Deplanements (Inbound)

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	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non	Rev	Non
2013 Deplanements	2,470	87	2,317	89	2,875	77	2,799	97	2,920	92	2,732	75	2,625	106	2,924 21,662	109 732	2,740 24,402	107 839	3,064 27,466	80 919	2,765 30,231	112 1,031	3,223 33,454	73 1,104
2013 Y-T-D	2,470	87	4,787	176	7,662	253	10,461	350	13,381	442	16,113	517	18,738	623	21,002	132	24,402	039	21,400	313	30,231	1,031	33,434	1,104
2014 Deplanements	2,695	96	2,393	101	3,081	92	2,965	97	2,845	82	3,137	107	3,076	103	3,217	117	3,171	100	3,348	90	3,133	72	3,252	67
2014 Y-T-D	2,695	96	5,088	197	8,169	289	11,134	386	13,979	468	17,116	575	20,192	678	23,409	795	26,580	895	29,928	985	33,061	1,057	36,313	1,124
2015 Deplanements	3,066	78	2,671	78	3,534	77	3,474	98	3,352	107	3,520	124	3,469	124	4,032	109	3,423	96	3,736	69	3,426	73	3,574	89
2015 Y-T-D	3,066	78	5,737	156	9,271	233	12,745	331	16,097	438	19,617	562	23,086	686	27,118	795	30,541	891	34,277	960	37,703	1,033	41,277	1,122
2016 Deplanements	3,212	90	3,046	99	3,836	81	3,921	137	3,925	148	4,382	152	3,750	143	4,526	149	4,076	144	4,474	116	3,872	118	4,103	105
2016 Y-T-D	3,212	90	6,258	189	10,094	270	14,015	407	17,940	555	22,322	707	26,072	850	30,598	999	34,674	1,143	39,148	1,259	43,020	1,377	47,123	1,482
2017 Deplanements	4,123	127	3,407	155	4,481	138	4,333	120	3,854	123	4,256	160	3,635	148	4,535	141	3,812	132	4,476	77	4,369	54	4,018	90
2017 Y-T-D	4,123	127	7,530	282	12,011	420	16,344	540	20,198	663	24,454	823	28,089	971	32,624	1,112	36,436	1,244	40,912	1,321	45,281	1,375	49,299	1,465
2018 Deplanements	4,242	119	3,862	133	4,619	93	4,528	92	4,562	126	4,244	123	4,144	155	4,108	72	3,156	73	3,533	89	3,573	102	3,843	98
2018 Y-T-D	4,242	119	8,104	252	12,723	345	17,251	437	21,813	563	26,057	686	30,201	841	34,309	913	37,465	986	40,998	1,075	44,571	1,177	48,414	1,275
2019 Deplanements	3,309	100	2,520	59	3,857	102	4,227	125	4,570	134	4,541	126	4,113	133	4,560	120	4,219	109	4,800	80	3,906	88	4,069	88
2019 Y-T-D	3,309	100	5,829	159	9,686	261	13,913	386	18,483	520	23,024	646	27,137	779	31,697	899	35,916	1,008	40,716	1,088	44,622	1,176	48,691	1,264
2020 Deplanements	3,733	59	3,461	109	1,919	46	104	5	372	12	738	23	910	50	1,431	72	1,274	51	1,801	60	1,451	62	1,486	50
2020 Y-T-D	3,733	59	7,194	168	9,113	214	9,217	219	9,589	231	10,327	254	11,237	304	12,668	376	13,942	427	15,743	487	17,194	549	18,680	599
2021 Deplanements	1,633	73	1,423	40	2,555	67	2,922	88	3,702	94	4,185	69	3,758	68	3,921	50	3,925	65	3,174	55	3,364	60	3,593	60
2021 Y-T-D	1,633	73	3,056	113	5,611	180	8,533	268	12,235	362	16,420	431	20,178	499	24,099	549	28,024	614	31,198	669	34,562	729	38,155	789
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2022 Deplanements 2022 Y-T-D	2,485 2,485	57 57	2,640 5,125	62 119	3,669 8,794	109 228	3,354 12,148	64 292	3,477 15,625	73 365	3,422 19,047	77 442	3,174 22,221	96 538	25,628	625	27,830	652	29,781	697	31,612	730	33,372	768
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2023 Deplanements	1,750	47 47	1,654 3,404	40 87	1,765 5,169	38 125	1,711 6,880	33 158	1,636 8,516	45 203	1,778 10,294	48 251	1,785 12,079	61 312	1,955 14,034	51 363	2,566 16,600	63 426	3,091 19,691	66 492	3,176 22,867	69 561	2,572 25,439	81 642
2023 Y-T-D	1,750	4/	3,404	8/	5,769	125	6,880	158	8,516	203	10,294	251	12,079	312	14,034	303	16,600	420	19,091	432	22,007	301	25,455	042
2024 Deplanements	2,464	66	2,401	85	3,101	127	2,988	114	3,055	108	3,099	146	2,972	141	3,235	101	3,422	86	3,542	109	3,030	122	2,910	87
2024 Y-T-D	2,464	66	4,865	151	7,966	278	10,954	392	14,009	500	17,108	646	20,080	787	23,315	888	26,737	974	30,279	1,083	33,309	1,205	36,219	1,292
Mthly % Change - 23 to 24	40.8%		45.2%		75.7%		74.6%		86.7%		74.3%		66.5%		65.5%		33.4%		14.6%		-4.6%		13.1%	
% Change YTD - 23 to 24	40.8%		42.9%		54.1%		59.2%		64.5%		66.2%		66.2%		66.1%		61.1%		53.8%		45.7%		42.4%	

Alaska.	WALLA WALLA REGIONAL AIRPORT  10/1/2024 - TBD										
<u>Time</u>	Departing	<u>Time</u>	Arriving	Frequency							
5:00 AM	Walla Walla	6:09 AM	Seattle	Daily							
11:59 AM	Seattle	1:06 PM	Walla Walla	Daily							
1:46 PM	Walla Walla	2:55 PM	Seattle	Daily							
10:49 PM	Seattle	11:59 PM	Walla Walla	Daily							

BUSINESS RECRUITMENT - ACTIVE BUSINESS LEAD REPORT											
#	Date	Lead Source	Type of Business	Criteria	Benefits	Status					
1	Mar-22	Private	Project McGee Contractor Warehouse/Office McGee Plumbing Company	1.6 Acres - 7.5K SQFT Building Burbank Business Park	FTE Unknown CapEx \$1.5M+	Site Visit March 2022 Business performing Site Due Diligence RE Closed on 08-26-2024 Building Permit Application Approved					
2	Apr-22	DOC-Site Selector Global Location Strategies	Project Sequoia ROCKWOOL North America Building Supply MFG	250 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property Large Electrical & Gas User Wallula Gap Business Park	125 FTE with benefits CapEx \$250M	Site Proposal submitted April 2022 Formal Announcement 03-07-2024 RE Closed on 07-15-2024 Grading - Feb 2025					
3	Jul-22	DOC	SkyNRG Americas, Inc. MFG - Sustainable Aviation Fuels Wallula Gap Business Park	Change in site location 11-14-2024 LOI executed 11-14-2024 PSA Executed with Port Business performing Site Due Diligence							
4	Sep-22	Private	Project Crossland Food Distribution Company	2.3 acres Walla Walla Area Avery Business Park	Site Proposal submitted September 2022 Executed PSA with Port - Dec 2023 Short Plat Recorded, RE Closed 06-18-24 Construction Completed						
5	Mar-23	Private	Project Tree - Advance Phase LLC Data Center Campus	500 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property WGBP Large Power and Water User	80-100 FTE with benefits CapEx \$4B	On-Site meeting with Client April 2024 LOI executed 10-24-2024 PSA Executed with Port Business performing Site Due Diligence					
6	Jun-23	DOC-Site Selector PwC Price Waterhouse Coopers	Project Energy Force EV Battery MFG	70-80 Acres Industrial Zoned Property Large Electrical User Wallula Gap Business Park	1,500 FTE with benefits CapEx \$2.5B	Site Proposal submitted June 2023 Site Visit Aug 2023 WGBP only site selected in WA State Business performing Site Due Diligence					
7	Jul-23	DOC-Site Selector	Project Picard Semiconductor MFG	5-10 Acres Melrose Business Park	110 FTE with benefits CapEx \$100M	Site Proposal submitted August 2023 Site Selector performing Due Diligence Waiting on Federal Fund Application					
8	Dec-23	Private	Project Cast Concrete Cast MFG	4 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property Burbank Industrial Park	6-10 FTE with benefits CapEx \$4.5M	Site Proposal submitted Dec 2023 Business performing Site Due Diligence No Current Updates					
9	Jan-24	Private	Project DEF Fuel MFG	2 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property Burbank Industrial Park	8-10 FTE with benefits CapEx \$6M	Site Proposal submitted Jan 2024 Business performing Site Due Diligence Working on site at Burbank IP					
10	Feb-24	Private	Project CP Plastics HDPE Plastic MFG	30 FTE with benefits CapEx \$29M	Site Proposal submitted Feb 2024 Site Visit Feb 2024 PSA Executed with Port At WWC-CDD for SEPA Review						
	Project Co	mpleted or Permit Phase	New or Re-Activated Business Lead	Still Active Business Lead	Business Lead Cold or on Hold	Business Lead Closed					

	BUSINESS RECRUITMENT - ACTIVE BUSINESS LEAD REPORT												
#	Date	Lead Source	Type of Business	Criteria	Benefits	Status							
11	Apr-24	DOC - Site Selector	Project Spring Data Center	20-30 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property WGBP Large Power and Water User	20-30 FTE with benefits CapEx \$75M	Site Proposal submitted April 2024 Site Selector performing Due Diligence Virtual Site Visit Call April 2024 No Current Updates							
12	Apr-24	Private	Project Chicken Cold Storage Warehouse Operation	10 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property Rail Siding - Near Tri-Cities	10 FTE with benefits CapEx \$30M	Virtual Site Visit Call April 2024 Port & Client trying to identify a site No Current Updates							
13	Aug-24	Private	Project OX Industrial Supplies Retailer	4 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property Burbank Industrial Park Rail Siding - Near Tri-Cities	4-6 FTE with benefits CapEx \$2M	Site Visit August 2024 Port executed 2YR lease option - 10-24-24							
14	Jan-25	DOC	Project Mjolnir Fusion Energy Equipment MFG	20 acres Heavy Industrial Zoned Property Stearns Kelly Property (Wallula) Large Power User	200 FTE with benefits CapEx \$700M	Site Proposal submitted Jan 2025							
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	Project Co	mpleted or Permit Phase	New or Re-Activated Business Lead	Still Active Business Lead	Business Lead Cold or on Hold	Business Lead Closed							



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 9, 2025

Port of Walla Walla and Partners Secure Historic \$108.5 Million from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program for the U.S. Highway 12 Phase 8 Corridor Completion Project

Walla Walla, WA – The Port of Walla Walla, in collaboration with Walla Walla County and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), is proud to announce the award of a historic \$108.5 million Rural Surface Transportation Grant, the largest award of its kind, for the U.S. Highway 12 Phase 8 Corridor Completion Project. This funding will move us closer to the completion of a critical infrastructure development that will enhance safety, improve reliability, support emergency services, and strengthen economic connectivity throughout the region.

Port Executive Director Patrick Reay celebrated the milestone, stating, "This award represents a historic investment in the final phase of the U.S. Highway 12 four-laning project. This initiative has been a priority for our community since the 1970's, when then-Washington State Senator Jeanette Hayner emphasized the safety concerns and the need for better connectivity between our community and the rest of the state. After decades of planning and perseverance, we are finally nearing the completion of a project that will save lives and spur economic growth within the region."

Port Commission President Kip Kelly highlighted the collaborative efforts behind the achievement, saying, "This award reflects over two decades of dedicated work by the Port of Walla Walla and the U.S.12 Coalition—a partnership of private businesses, local governments, Walla Walla County, City of Walla Walla, and WSDOT—to enhance U.S. Highway 12's safety and realignment. As someone who has actively advocated for this funding in Washington, D.C., I am deeply grateful to our federal delegation for their unwavering support. Their efforts have been instrumental in making this long-standing vision a reality."

Walla Walla County Commissioner Todd Kimball underscored the significance of the project for the community, stating, "The completed realignment will not only improve safety and dependability but also deliver substantial benefits to regional commerce and our agricultural community. This is a win for every resident and business that relies on this essential corridor."

The Port extends its heartfelt appreciation to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell for their steadfast leadership in advancing this project and other critical infrastructure projects across Washington State. The Port also acknowledges the crucial contributions of Congressman Dan Newhouse and former Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, whose advocacy has been pivotal to this project's success.

Additionally, the Port recognizes Michele Beener of Aspire Grant & Development and Mark Dedrick and Terry Heubert of Summit Strategies for their critical roles in securing this transformative grant.

"This funding demonstrates the power of collaboration among local, state, and federal partners working toward a shared vision," Reay concluded. "We remain committed to working with our state and federal delegations, along with our local partners, to secure the additional funding necessary to complete this vital corridor."

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Commissioners: Ronald W. Dunning • Amy Schwab • Kip Kelly

Walla Walla County - Port's Economic Development Sales Tax Fund - 2025																										
Revenues Jan Feb March						April		May		June			July		Aug		Sept		Oct	Nov		Dec		YTD		
2023 Revenues	\$	85,761	\$	92,455	\$	69,070	\$	72,055	\$	86,369	\$	86,055	\$	88,599	\$	98,146	\$	84,962	\$	99,915	\$	103,517	\$	89,443	\$	1,056,346
2024 Revenues	\$	78,170	\$	102,574	\$	66,488	\$	70,166	\$	83,603	\$	82,643	\$	86,017	\$	87,729	\$	87,085	\$	88,629	\$	96,870	\$	90,858	\$	1,020,833
2025 Revenues	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Fund Balance on 12/31/24							\$	\$ 4,292,089																		
2025 Sales Tax Received						\$																				
2025 Sales Tax Loan Repayment						\$			20,800																	

Present Fund Balance \$ 4,312,889

Less Future Project Commitments \$ 775,000 Projects 34, 41, 42 & 47

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2025 YTD Balance

2025 Fund Disbursement YTD

Available Fund Balance \$ 3,537,889 Updated: 01/22/25

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	Project Fund Allocations	-	Amount	Funding	Disbursed	Year	Туре
	* * * 30 Archived EDSTF Projects from Oct 2001 - Oct 2018 (Grants & Loans) * * *	\$	8,279,035			de a su partici	
	February 2019 - City of Walla Walla - Spokane Street Improvement Project	\$	250,000	Grant	Yes	2021	EDP
32	March 2020 - City of College Place - Southwest Wastewater Sewer Trunk Line Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2021	EDP
33	December 2020 - City of Walla Walla - Heritage Square Redevelopment Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2023	Non-EDP
34	December 2020 - Walla Walla County - Historical Courthouse Upgrade Project	\$	200,000	Grant	No	(1)	Non-EDP
35	August 2021 - City of Waitsburg - Millrace Grade Improvement Project	\$	80,000	Grant	Yes	2021	EDP
36	February 2022 - Walla Walla County-Fairgrounds Arena Expansion (Viewing Platforms)	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2022	Non-EDP
37	February 2022 - Walla Walla County-Fairgrounds Arena Expansion (Viewing Platforms)	\$	200,000	Loan	Yes	2022	Non-EDP
38	March 2022 - Prescott Joint Parks & Recreation - Prescott Pool Repairs and Upgrades Project	\$	100,000	Grant	Yes	2022	Non-EDP
39	September 2022 - City of Waitsburg - Sewer System Relining Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2022	Non-EDP
40	October 2022 - City of College Place - Lions Park Renovation Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2024	Non-EDP
41	December 2023 - Walla Walla Community College – Farm to Fork Expansion Project	\$	200,000	Grant	No		Non-EDP
42	December 2023 - Port of Walla Walla/Walla Walla Regional Airport - Life Flight Hangar Project	\$	200,000	Grant	No		EDP
43	February 2024 - Walla Walla Public Schools - Multi-Sport Community Complex Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2024	Non-EDP
44	February 2024 - Walla Walla County Rural Library District - Touchet Library Construction Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2024	Non-EDP
45	June 2024 - Port of Walla Walla - WGBP Attalia Road Improvements	\$	400,000	Grant	Yes	2024	EDP
46	June 2024 - Port of Walla Walla - Avery Business Park Infrastructure Project	\$	200,000	Grant	Yes	2024	EDP
47	January 2025 - City of Walla Walla - Myra Road Extension Project	\$	200,000	Grant	No		EDP
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	Total Fund Allocations to Date	\$	11,709,035				
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The Port has established on its website information on the Economic Development Sales Tax Fund. Information includes the background on the EDSTF, Port and Walla Walla County Interlocal Agreement,
Historical Use of Funds, EDSTF Application, EDSTF Guiding Principles, and Walla Walla County's Comprehensive Plan - Appendix G (Projects that are eligible to receive EDSTF). Here is the link to the Port's website
for information. www.portwallawalla.com/economic-development/economic-development-sales-tax-fund. Note: Eligible projects are those listed in Appendix G of the County of Walla Walla Comprehensive
Plan and projects that can clearly demonstrate the tangible creation and/or retention of family wage jobs. EDP=Economic Development Project, Non-EDP=Non-Economic Development Project





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## **2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

# **Economic Development Information Meeting**

<u>Date</u> Tuesday, January 28, 2025	<u>Location</u> Airport Terminal	<u>Time</u> 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25, 2025	Airport Terminal	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 27, 2025	<b>Airport Terminal</b>	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 22, 2025	Airport Terminal	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Airport Terminal	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 25, 2025	Airport Terminal	12:00-1:30 p.m.