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A NEWS UPDATE FROM THE



Port of Vancouver USA

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## Port Sees Record Year

Each spring, we crunch the numbers, finalize our commodity report and reflect on the performance of the previous year. I am pleased to report that 2020 was a [record-breaking year](#) with revenues totaling \$50 million—a 15 percent increase over the previous year. The port moved over 7 million metric tons of cargo – with energy components leading the effort.

This success has not made us complacent. The port invests these proceeds back into our business operations, by upgrading and repairing our buildings, equipment and infrastructure so that we can remain competitive. A portion of revenue also pays down bonds used to construct projects, such as the Terminal 1 development.

The port hires skilled labor and purchases materials to help our crews maintain port equipment and infrastructure. As a regional economic engine creating jobs and economic opportunities, in 2020, port business operations such as construction, consultant services, supplies and more, contributed over \$21 million in Clark County; another \$7.5 million in the greater Portland metro area; and \$11.2 million in Washington state. Additionally, over 486,000 hours were recorded by local ILWU longshore workers, which translates into millions of dollars of local spending from those paychecks — economic impacts that were and are especially important during the pandemic.

We thank you for all your support and hope 2021 brings opportunities for us to gather together again. Until then, I hope you and your families stay healthy and safe.



*Aerial view of the Columbia River and Mount Hood*

## Work Continues on Climate Action Plan

Last year, the Port of Vancouver USA began the process of developing a Climate Action Plan, which was identified as a key strategy in the port's [2018 Strategic Plan](#). The Climate Action Plan is another step the port is taking toward keeping its commitment to environmental stewardship and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

In late 2020, the port hired a consultant team to assist staff with the data collection and analysis that will form the Climate Action Plan. The consultants from Ramboll, WSP USA and Fehr & Peers are experts in the fields of climate change analysis and planning, public involvement and transportation.

Currently, the port and consultant team are conducting a GHG inventory, focusing on three types of GHG emissions. Scope 1 and 2 emissions are those that are associated with activities that the port owns and

has full operational control over. Scope 3 emissions are from sources not owned or directly controlled by the port but are related to port activities, such as the activities of the port's customers and tenants.

Once the plan is drafted this spring/summer, it will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. Staff will be responsible for executing the plan and monitoring the progress made toward the port's GHG reduction goals.

The port is providing opportunities for public involvement, including project updates, through social media, the project website, email and at Commission meetings.

For more information about the port's Climate Action Plan or to receive email updates, please visit <https://www.portvanusa.com/environmental-services/climate-action-plan>.



*The latest conceptual rendering for the mixed-use development at Terminal 1*

## Terminal 1 Makes Significant Progress

It's difficult to see what's happening beyond the work zone fencing at the port's waterfront development project, Terminal 1 (pardon our dust!), but we're happy to report that significant progress has been made across multiple projects.

In April, the port's board of commissioners unanimously [approved a lease](#) for a mixed-use development with Lincoln Property Company. The initial development will include the two northern blocks (known as Blocks A and C) and the current conceptual design includes office, residential and retail space as well as associated parking facilities. The development will be built to minimize its environmental footprint with a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design framework (LEED) Gold-level design,

per the [port's design standards](#). Construction is expected to begin in late fall 2021 with an anticipated completion date in early 2024.

Additionally, significant structural renovations have been completed in the first phase of the [Vancouver Landing](#) project. At 95% complete, work included the installation of numerous steel piles to reinforce the dock as well as a new retaining wall and a 'topping' concrete slab. The next phase will build upon these structural renovations including utilities and new

landscaping amenities. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) (@portvanusa) for behind-the-scenes construction photos!

Finally, great progress has been made on the [AC Hotel by Marriott](#). With the hotel's construction going vertical, the waterfront skyline continues to change rapidly. The hotel is on track to open in spring 2022.

To learn more about these projects and see the hotel's progress in real-time, visit [discoverterminal1.com](#).

*Terminal 1 has been certified LEED Neighborhood (ND) Gold by the US Green Building Council. LEED is a globally recognized symbol of achievement in sustainability and encourages the development of efficient and cost-saving green buildings*

## Port Tour Presentation Goes Virtual

In response to COVID-19 mandates, the port's popular public tours were cancelled last year—with tours being a favorite of staff and attendees alike. To continue to offer a look inside the port and its operations, an online presentation was created for the public. The 45-minute program features the port's history, provides information about its governance, explains the port's diverse cargo mix and its trading partners, and gives viewers a peek inside at some of the port's industrial operations.

The presentation is narrated by port staff: Julie Rawls, Community Relations Manager; Alex Strogen, Chief Commercial Officer; and Mike Schiller, Director of Business Development. The program is available on the port's website ([www.portvanusa.com](#)) under the "[Community](#)" tab and on [YouTube](#) by searching for the Port of Vancouver USA.

We are hoping that tours will resume this fall so if you would like to be added to the port tour notification list, email [jrawls@portvanusa.com](mailto:jrawls@portvanusa.com).



*Julie Rawls, Port Community Relations Manager*

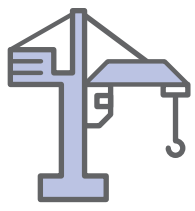
# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Port of Vancouver USA reported a record-breaking year in 2020, with the highest returns in its 108-year history: revenues totaled \$50 million — a 15 percent increase from the previous year.

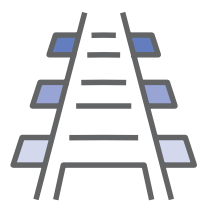
Many local businesses were severely challenged by disruption brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The port's strategic

investments, long-term customer relationships and diverse cargo mix allowed the port to weather the economic storm and continue to serve as an economic engine for our community.

For more information about the port's revenue, budget or the strategies for our success in 2020, please visit our website, [www.portvanusa.com](http://www.portvanusa.com).



**7.4M**  
METRIC TONS  
OF CARGO



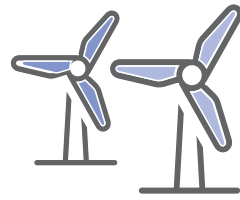
**63,300**  
RAIL CARS

**\$50 MILLION  
TOTAL REVENUE**

15% increase over 2019

**112,200**  
HOMES POWERED

by wind turbines crossing port docks



**5,400,000**  
metric tons  
BULK GRAINS EXPORTED

**100% OFFSET  
OF ELECTRICAL  
USAGE**

in port utility-controlled  
buildings

**371,000**

metric tons of  
SCRAP METAL EXPORTED



**360**  
VESSEL  
CALLS

**486,000 HOURS WORKED BY  
ILWU LONGSHORE**

Generates millions of dollars in local  
wages and spending in our community



**89,800**  
AUTOS IMPORTED

**337,000**

metric tons of  
COPPER CONCENTRATE EXPORTED

**99%**  
INDUSTRIAL  
OCCUPANCY



**12,500**

COVID PPE ITEMS  
DISTRIBUTED

to ILWU, staff, Seafarers  
Center and port tenants



**31,000 HOURS  
OF ZOOM  
MEETINGS**

attended by staff

# Welcome Aboard to Rocket Delivery!

A part of the Vancouver community since 2006, Rocket Delivery Inc. is one of the newest tenants to take up residency at the Port of Vancouver USA.

Specializing in logistics for residential and businesses, Rocket Delivery provides final mile delivery services throughout Vancouver and the surrounding areas. From receiving or picking up your items, to delivering and installing them, Rocket Delivery does it all. Common residential delivery items include home gym equipment, appliances, furniture and cabinets.

In August 2020, the port's board of commissioners approved a three-year lease with Rocket Delivery. With over 10,200 square feet of warehouse space, the lease also includes parking at the rear of the building for employees and the company's small fleet of cargo vehicles. This space recently underwent facility improvements including new energy efficient lighting that will help "brighten" the workday.

"The port is thrilled to welcome another local company to our family of tenants," said port Director of Business Development Mike Schiller. "We're excited to be a part of Rocket Delivery's next steps in expanding their business."

The next time you have a logistics need in Vancouver and beyond, be sure to reach out to your local specialist, Rocket Delivery, at <https://rocketdeliveryinc.com>.



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