

**INFRASTRUCTURE: INNOVATIVE FINANCE**  
Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am – 12:15pm

*Co-Chairs:*

*Senator Chuck Winder, Idaho State Legislature*

*Bruce Agnew, Director, Cascadia*

**9:15AM Welcome and Overview of Innovative Infrastructure Finance Taskforce**

*Investing in American and Canadian infrastructure from public and private resources has rarely been higher on the political agenda of the two countries as it is today. PNWER is seeking to expand the public private partnership initiative through a federally sanctioned regional accelerator. This session will explore the latest developments in Washington D.C. and local and private sector responses.*

**9:20AM The Federal Government and PNWER regional accelerator:**

*Session will examine fast tracking public-private partnerships (P3's) and existing federal credit and loan programs (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF). The Trump Administration proposes to replace the FASTLANE program with the \$1.5 billion INFRA program.*

*Can P3s enhance project delivery and permit reform? Why do we need them in limited resource and lower expertise environments? What purpose do they serve for urban regions (Vancouver B.C., Seattle- Tacoma, Portland) and rural regions (Port of Everett, Washington and Kalispell, Montana)?*

*Moderated by **Leslie Blakely**, President, Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors*

**Federal Government**

- **Shawn Bills**, State Director, Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray, Washington
- **Ree Armitage**, Field Liaison, Office of U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, Oregon

**State and local government response:** designing state and local initiatives to leverage federal infrastructure initiatives

- **Tobias Read**, Treasurer, State of Oregon
- **Justin Ashford**, Principal Consultant, Advisory Services, WSP USA
- **Michael Catsi**, Director, Business Development and Communications, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
- **Jeannie Beckett**, The Beckett Group

**Columbia River I-5 Bridge Replacement Project**

- **Rep. Sharon Wylie**, Washington State Legislature

**University Partnerships and Applied Research**

- **Ahmed Elayouty**, Co-founder, Pacific Hyperloop, University of Washington

- 10:25AM**      **Canada accelerates public private partnerships; opportunities for Northwest states**  
*Canada is recognized as the global leader in building effective P3's with more than 250 projects with a total capital value of over \$120 billion. Between 2003 and 2012, P3 projects in Canada generated \$15 billion in direct GDP, nearly 300,000 in direct, full-time equivalent jobs, and \$7.5 billion in direct tax revenue to governments across Canada.*
- **Mark Romoff**, President and CEO, Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships
- 10:35AM**      **Performance-based Infrastructure on the West Coast**  
*Moderated by **Mark Romoff** of the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships*
- **Scott Boardman**, Executive Director, West Coast Infrastructure Exchange
  - **Anthony Buckley**, Director, Innovative Partnerships, Washington State Department of Transportation
- 11:25AM**      **Successful Leadership in Private-Public Partnerships**
- **Mass Transit:** Canada Line serving downtown Vancouver and Vancouver International Airport
    - **Jussi Jaakkola**, Vice President, Investment Development, SNC-Lavalin
- 11:45AM**      **Advancing the Cascadia Innovation Corridor and Enhancing Cross-Border Connections**
- **High Speed Rail in the Pacific Northwest**
    - **Charles Knutson**, Senior Policy Advisor, Transportation and Economic Development, Office of Governor Inslee
- 12:00 PM**      **Moderated Discussion & Question and Answer**
- 12:15 PM**      **Adjourn**