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# Representative Greg Smith

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## **Representative Greg Smith Secures \$400,000 for Port of Umatilla Project**

UMATILLA - [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#), in partnership with [Senator Betsy Johnson \(D-Scappoose\)](#), secured several hundred thousand dollars for extensive dock improvements, particularly paving bare ground, at the [Port of Umatilla](#). The project, which was at a standstill until Representative Smith was contacted by Kim Puzey, General Manager for the Port of Umatilla, has been awarded \$400,000 in Immediate Opportunity Fund grant dollars.

Teevin Bros., with operations in the Willamette Valley and along the lower Columbia River, employs more than 100 people and conducts logging exports out of this location at the POU. The company enjoys a well-earned reputation as innovators in the timber, quarry/hardrock, and transportation sectors.

Representative Smith partnered with Senator Johnson and met with Matt Garrett, Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation. "Director Garrett understood the significance of the project and worked with us to deliver the funding solution," said Representative Smith. "I am proud to be able to bring important dollars home to my district and the people whom I serve."

"This is another example of Representative Smith's commitment to supporting industry and jobs on the river," said Kurt Bendixsen, Port of Umatilla Commissioner.

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