

# Basin: 'The entire causeway is failing'

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Bruce Johnson, the state bridge engineer, said about one-third of the timber structures holding up the causeway have significant rot — in some cases, 12-inch beams have between 8 and 10 inches of rot.

"We don't think it's safe for anyone to be on that bridge," Johnson said.

The Port repaired the causeway in 2010 but used untreated timber, much of which has since begun rotting anew.

"We can't go into the water with creosote," said Matt McGrath, director of operations at the Port, of a common chemical used for preserving timber.

There are alternate, approved methods of preserving timber, but he doesn't know why Port staff at the time didn't use those, McGrath said.

The Port Commission unanimously approved spending more than \$231,000 to have Bergerson Construction, the sole bidder, replace 60 pilings around the central waterfront. The contract did not include any work at the East Mooring Basin.

Port staff has estimated upward of \$4 million is necessary to fully replace the East Mooring Basin causeway, built in the 1940s along with the East Mooring Basin as part of a post-World War II employment project to expand local moorage. While the rock breakwaters and wing jetties protecting the marina were built and recently upgraded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the causeway is the Port's responsibility.

"This is sad news," Knight said of the closure. "It's not



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**A recent inspection found about one-third of the timber structures supporting the East Mooring Basin causeway have significant rot.**

new news. We've known for a long time that we've had a \$4 million problem at least at the East Mooring Basin."

The issues with the causeway, along with potentially contaminated soil from sea lions hanging out in the marina, complicate discussions around trying to develop the marina, Knight said. A development group led by Floyd Holcom, the owner of Pier 39 next door, and architect Nik Sernande has proposed renting the basin and developing floating homes along the waterfront, a cruise ship terminal along the jetties and an enhanced promenade along the Astoria Riverwalk.

The Port has not allocated money to repair the causeway and has many issues there beyond its financial capacity, Knight said. "There is simply no justifiable, corresponding revenue that would justify the expense."

Commissioner Bill Hunsinger, who has criticized the Port's decision to abandon the causeway, asked if staff could look into how much it would cost to secure a narrow walkway, rather than the entire causeway, for people to reach their boats.

"These people have been our tenants," he said. "I don't understand since we've known

this all this time, and we want to protect our tenants, why we didn't do something sooner."

There may be bigger issues than the 60 pilings, McGrath said, such as deteriorating posts underpinning the deck.

"Those are going to be repairs that divers may have to do," he said. "You start doing that and you're going to get into big money real quick. What our thought was that if we're going to make repairs like this, you're going to be throwing good money after bad, because the deck is failing. The entire causeway is failing."

# Johnson: Perspective 'will be really helpful'

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She has served as a vice chair of the budget committee and was the Senate's leader on two of its six subcommittees. The subcommittees conduct sometimes lengthy hearings to go over agency spending proposals.

"She can be tough, grouchy, and when people go before her on the Ways and Means subcommittees, they had better be prepared. Pity those who aren't," Hass said.

That's what taxpayers should want in a Ways and

Means leader, he added.

Steiner Hayward, a family physician, said she is excited to work with Johnson. She said their differing backgrounds and Senate districts will be complementary and good for the state overall.

Johnson has a strong background in business, technology and transportation, while Steiner Hayward's experience has centered on health and human services.

That was what Courtney had in mind.

"I think that's the best way to put together a remarkable

budget for Oregon in a very difficult time that reflects all of Oregon. Their backgrounds are perfectly complementary," Courtney said.

The pair plans to meet together with state officials, advocates and others making budget requests. Such meetings will allow the two legislators to hear the same information at the same time, "feed off each other's questions and get the most robust understanding of serious budget requests," Steiner Hayward said.

The Senate president's decision to appoint the women as

chairs was ingenious, she said.

"I see this as an opportunity to try to decrease the rural-urban divide when it comes to budgeting issues," Steiner Hayward said. "She grew up in central Oregon and now lives in Scappoose and represents rural places in northwest Oregon and coastal areas. Having that perspective will be really helpful and make sure that we are as even handed and helpful to rural Oregon."

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# Government questions unfair student loan practices

By KEN SWEET  
Associated Press

Legal Defense Network, who worked for the Department of Education under President Barack Obama.

NEW YORK — One of the nation's largest student loan servicing companies may have driven tens of thousands of borrowers struggling with their debts into higher-cost repayment plans.

That's the finding of a Department of Education audit of practices at Navient Corp., the nation's third-largest student loan servicing company.

The Associated Press received a copy of the audit and other documents from the office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, who has been a vocal critic of Navient and has publicly supported the lawsuits against the company as well as questioning the policies of the Department of Education, currently run by President

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Aaron Ament | president of the National Student Legal Defense Network

The conclusions of the 2017 audit, which until now have been kept from the public, appear to support federal and state lawsuits that accuse Navient of boosting its profits by steering some borrowers into the high-cost plans without discussing options that would have been less costly in the long run.

The education department has not shared the audit's findings with the plaintiffs in the lawsuits. In fact, even while knowing of its conclusions, the department repeatedly argued that state and other federal authorities do not have jurisdiction over Navient's business practices.

"The existence of this audit makes the Department of Education's position all the more disturbing," said Aaron Ament, president of the National Student

Trump's Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos. Warren is considered a potential presidential candidate in 2020.

Navient disputed the audit's conclusions in its response to the Department of Education and has denied the allegations in the lawsuits. One point the company makes in its defense is that its contract with the education department doesn't require its customer service representatives to mention all options available to the borrower.

"This (audit), when viewed as a whole, as well as dozens of other audits and reviews, show that Navient overwhelmingly performs in accordance with program rules while consistently helping borrowers choose the right options for their circumstances," said Paul Hartwick, a company spokesman.

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2 KATU	2 KATU News at 6 (N)			Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving	Modern Family	Single Parents	The Goldbergs	Single Parents	News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
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5 KING	5 NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Evening News (N)	Hollywood Game Night (N)	Sat. Night Live "Thanksgiving" A compilation of memorable Thanksgiving sketches.				KING 5 News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show	
6 KOIN	6 KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: David vs. Goliath (N)	SEAL Team "Parallax" (N)		Criminal Minds "Ashley" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Colbert	
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8 KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)			Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Hollywood Game Night (N)	Sat. Night Live "Thanksgiving" A compilation of memorable Thanksgiving sketches.				News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show	
9 KRCW	9 Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	iHeartRadio "Night One" Performances from music's biggest names are featured.	News (N)	Friends	News (N)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10 KOPB	10 Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Nature "Dogs in the Land of Lions" (N)	Nova "World's Fastest Animal" (N)		Sinking Cities "Miami" (N)		10 That Changed America		
12 KPTV	12 6 O'Clock News (N)			Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Steal From the Thief"	Star "Secrets and Lies"		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
13 KPDX	13 Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game 1/2	
13 KCPC	13 Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Steal From the Thief"	Star "Secrets and Lies"		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons	
20 TBS	20 Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Full Frontal	Killers ('10, Action)	
29 KZJO	29 Black-ish	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
30 ESPN	30 NBA Basketball	L.A. Lakers vs Cleveland (L)	L.A. Lakers vs Cleveland (L)	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors Site: Oracle Arena -- Oakland, Calif. (L)	SportsCenter (N)				Jalen & Jacoby	NBA Basketball L.A. Lakers vs Cleveland	
31 NICK	31 The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger "Thumb War"	Dare "Team Kel vs. Team Kenan" (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
32 DISN	32 Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home 1/3	Raven's Home 2/3	Raven's Home 3/3	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	
34 FAM	34 Mulan ('98)	*** Brave ('12, Ani)	Voices of Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson, Kelly Macdonald.	*** Zootopia (2016, Animated)	Voices of Jason Bateman, Idris Elba, Ginnifer Goodwin.							The 700 Club	
35 FMC	35 Now You See Me 2 ('16)	Lizzy Caplan, Jesse Eisenberg.	(:25) Now You See Me 2 (2016, Action)	Lizzy Caplan, Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg.	My Christmas Inn (2018, Drama)	Rob Mayes, Jackie Harry, Tia Mowry-Hardict.					(:05) ** Now You See Me ('13, Cri) Common, Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg.	(:05) A Christmas Arrangement ('18) Miles Fisher, Daphne Zuniga, Nicky Whelan.	
36 LIFE	36 The Flight Before Christmas ('15)	Ryan McPartlin, Mayim Bialik.										Poker Heartland Tour	
39 ROOT	39 NCAA Basketball	Pacific at UNLV				Press Pass	Press Pass (N)	In Depth				Poker Night	
39 FS1	39 NCAA Basketball	Turning Point (N)	The Ultimate Fighter (N)			UFC Main "Jedrzejczyk vs. Andrade" (N)	TMZ Sports (N)	CFB: Inside Slant				The Ultimate Fighter: Heavy Hitters	
43 SPIKE	43 Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Bar Rescue "Gettin' Jigger With It"	Bar Res. "Ground Control to Major Jon"					Bar Rescue "Phising for Answers"	
44 COM	44 South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	BoJack (N)		The Daily Show	
45 HIST	45 Forged in Fire "Hollywood Edition"			Forged in Fire "Viking Edition"		Forged "The Steel Takedown Bow" (N)	Forged in Fire "The Bardiche" (N)			(:05) Forged "\$20,000 Dead Run" (SF) (N)	(:05) Brothers in Arms		
46 A&E	46 Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	(:05) Storage Wars	(:35) Storage Wars	
47 TLC	47 Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Doug's Story"	Sneaking food is 660-lb Doug's last remaining vice.				By the Ton "Stepping on the Scale"		My 600-lb Life "Ashley D's Story"	
48 DISC	48 Expedition Unknown "Code to Gold"			Exp. Unknown "World's 8th Wonder"	Exp. Unknown "Nazi Secrets Revealed"					Expedition Unknown "Shangri-La" Josh continues his search for the Shangri-La. (N)		Expedition Unknown	
49 NGE0	49 Border Wars "Special Ops"			Inside North "Kingdom of the Kims"	Inside North "The Son of God"					Inside North "Rocket Man"		Inside North "Nuclear Family"	
50 TNT	50 (5:30) *** The Next Three Days ('10)	Elizabeth Banks, Russell Crowe.				London Has Fallen (2016, Action)	Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.					*** Olympus Has Fallen ('13) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.	
51 AMC	51 Movie	** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005, Action)	Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.			The Little Drummer Girl No one can save Charlie if she is exposed as a spy. (N)						(:40) Drummer Girl	
52 USA	52 Law & Order: S.V.U. "Genes"			Law & Order: S.V.U. "The Newsroom"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Real Fake News"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spellbound"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conversion"					Country "Drink Up and Party Down"	
53 FOOD	53 Guy's Game "Full Meal Madness"			Game "Thanksgiving in Flavortown"	Guy's Game "Season Of Grocery Giving"	Game "Family Food Feud Thanksgiving"	Game "Family Food Feud Thanksgiving"					Cheep "Thanksgiving Pie, Oh My!"	
54 HGTV	54 Property Brothers "Color Clash"			Property Bros. "Family Above All Else"	Property "Making Their House a Home"	Buying/Sell "Upping the Budget" (N)						House Hunters (N)   House Hunters (N)   Property Bros. "Tight Transformation"	
56 FX	56 Ride Along 2 (2016, Action/Comedy)	Kevin Hart, Tika Sumpter, Ice Cube.				Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.						Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.	
57 CNN	57 Comedy "The Comedy of Real Life"			History of Comedy "Spark of Madness"	History of Comedy "Gone Too Soon"	History of Comedy "F***ing Funny"						The History of Comedy "No Offense"	
58 FNC	58 Hannity			The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight						Hannity	
61 CNBC	61 Shark Tank			Deal or No Deal: Back in Business	Deal or No Deal "Casting Call"	UndercoverBoss: Celeb "Idina Menzel"						UndercoverBoss: Celeb "Jewel"	
63 BRAV	63 Housewives NJ "Drop Dead Gorgas"			Wives NJ "Wives and Misdemeanors"	Housewives NJ "Easter Egg Wives Hunt"	Wives NJ "The Jersey Breakfast Club" (N)						Wives Dallas "Reunion Part One" (N)	
64 TCM	64 Movie	*** Annie Get Your Gun ('50, Mus)	Howard Keel, Louis Calhern, Betty Hutton.			**** The Man Who Came to Dinner ('42) Bette Davis, Monty Woodley.						**** The Fortune Cookie ('66) Walter Matthau.	
65 SYFY	65 (5:30) ** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11)	Penelope Cruz, Johnny Depp.				**** Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy)	Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.					Watch What	
68 RFD	68 Dude Ranch (N)	Cowboy (N)	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nat.	Team Roping 2/2	Rural Eve. News	WesternSport (N)	Cash Cowboys	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase		

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