

Quarterly Report #11

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project November 1, 2013

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This quarterly report for the GPT MAP Team covers work conducted during July, August, and September 2013. Project details are available on the GPT MAP Team website:

http://www.ezview.wa.gov/pr/site/alias_1357/22844/welcome.aspx.

Much of the work on the proposed GPT project during this past quarter was accomplished by the NEPA/SEPA (National Environmental Policy Act/State Environmental Policy Act) co-lead agencies: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Whatcom County, and Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). These agencies conduct the NEPA/SEPA process independently of the GPT MAP Team process. However, milestones and other accomplishments that occurred under NEPA/SEPA are being reported here because they are relevant to the GPT project's environmental review.

Accomplishments and Updates

- ▶ Major Milestones
 - Co-lead agencies release scope of study memos for NEPA and SEPA analyses. July 31, 2013.
 - Co-lead agencies amend Memorandum of Understanding. September 18, 2013.
 - Co-lead agencies announce that separate NEPA and SEPA EIS documents, rather than one combined document, will be developed. September 23, 2013.
 - Co-leads, contractor, and applicants continue to negotiate EIS contract. July to September 2013.
- ▶ Communications
 - No agency-wide communications this quarter.
- ▶ Website Tools
 - Website tools (completed milestones, critical path, report review schedule, and concordance review matrix) were updated. August and September 2013.
 - Update #81 posted. August 22, 2013.
- ▶ Key Meetings
 - No key agency-wide meetings this quarter.



Completed Milestones

The following provides status of milestones. This information is tracked using the 'Moving Forward' table in the last quarterly report and the completed milestones on the GPT MAP Team website

(http://www.ezview.wa.gov/pr/site/alias_1357/27378/tools.aspx).

Date	Milestone/Event	Explanation
July 2013	Establish scope of analysis for EIS	Scoping memos released by co-lead agencies on July 31, 2013.
September 2013	Memorandum of Understanding	Amended Memorandum of Understanding on September 18, 2013.
September 2013	EIS status	Announcement of separate EIS documents for NEPA and SEPA on September 23, 2013.

Moving Forward

The timeframes for future tasks shown below are estimates and uncertain due to the complexity of the GPT project and its environmental review process.

Task	Estimated Timeframe
NEPA and SEPA EIS process– Co-lead Agencies¹	
• Issue draft EIS	2015 or later
• Issue final EIS	2016 or later
Complete Applications – Applicants²	
• Submit JARPA to Ecology (401 Certification) – BNSF	To be determined (TBD)
• Submit project information and technical reports to MAP Team agencies – PIT and BNSF	Varies – refer to updated report schedule ³
MAP Team Meetings – MAP Team Agencies	
• MAP Team is on hold. Agency coordination meetings will be convened in support of NEPA/SEPA EIS.	NA
• Executive Team meeting following end of scoping period.	TBD ⁴

- Notes:**
1. Schedule as determined by co-lead agencies.
 2. Schedule as determined by applicants.
 3. Some reports were made public in October 2012.
 4. Meetings will be called if needed and coordinated by co-lead agencies.