



Gateway Pacific Terminal Environmental Review Process
Critical Path Tracking

IMPORTANT NOTE: 'Estimated' dates provide a best estimate by responsible parties involved in the environmental review process for the Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) project. The estimated dates are uncertain due to the complexity of the GPT project and the environmental review process.

Estimated	Completed	Parties Responsible	Tasks – Detailed	Status/Notes
COMPLETE APPLICATIONS – APPLICANTS				
3/19/2012	3/19/2012	PIT (Ari)	Submit New Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) application to Whatcom County.	Due date based on County extension deadline. Ari committed to submittal before 3/19/2012.
3/19/2012	3/19/2012	PIT (Ari)	Submit Major Development Permit (MDP).outstanding information items to Whatcom County (as originally identified in 6/23/2011 County letter).	Ari committed to submittal before 3/19/2012.
3/19-4/2/2012	3/19-4/2/2012	County (Tyler)	Review SSDP and MDP.	
4/2/2012	4/2/2012	County (Tyler)	Issue determination of completeness for processing for SSDP.	
4/2/2012	4/2/2012	County (Tyler)	Issue determination of completeness for processing for MDP.	
4/16/2012	4/16/2012	County (Tyler)	Issue Notice of Application	Allows for 30-day comment period, due 5/16/2012.
TBD		BNSF	Submit JARPA to Ecology (401 certification).	Will submit after receiving response from USACE.
TBD	11/29/2012	PIT (Ari)	Submit project information, including technical reports, BA/BE, ESA/EFH, NHPA, etc.	Determine whether critical path. Provide prior to commencement of scoping.
TBD		BNSF (Skip K)	Submit project information, including technical reports, BA/BE, ESA/EFH, NHPA, etc.	

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CONSULTANT SELECTION				
1/04/2012	1/04/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Issue RFP for Potential NEPA/SEPA 3 rd party contractors.	Posted (1/04/2012) – County
1/13/2012	1/13/2012	Consultants – various	Optional submittal of questions.	Share questions with applicants if need input.
1/18/2012	1/27/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Optional pre-proposal conference.	Applicants will attend to respond to questions regarding project proposals. (Addendum 1 change – 1/17/2012)
1/23/2012	1/25/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Issuance of addendum.	Include sample county contract for consultant review (County). (Addendum 1 change – 1/17/2012)
2/7/2012	2/14/2012	Consultants – various	Proposals due.	Copies provided to applicants. (Addendum 3, verbal change noted – 1/27/2012)
2/7-28/2012	2/14-3/6/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Review and evaluate consultant proposals.	(Addendum 3, verbal change noted – 1/27/2012)
2/29-3/2/2012	3/7/2012	SEPA Co-leads (Tyler, Alice)	Select and invite consultants for interviews.	The USACE will participate according to MOU. (Addendum 3, verbal change noted – 1/27/2012)
3/7/2012	3/14-15/2012	SEPA Co-leads (Tyler, Alice)	Conduct interviews.	The USACE will participate according to MOU. Applicants will be in room to listen. (Addendum 3, verbal change noted – 1/27/2012)
March 2012	3/30/2012	SEPA Co-leads (Tyler, Alice)	Select 3 rd party consultant (3PC).	The USACE will participate according to MOU. Agency selection will be followed by discussion with applicant.
Late April 2012	5/30/2012	County (Tyler)	Announce “Apparent Successful Contractor” and send notification via fax or e-mail to unsuccessful proposers.	Ecology issued press release regarding consultant selection.
Late April 2012	6/12/2012	County (Tyler) PIT (Ari), BNSF (Skip)	Negotiate and finalize applicant contract.	

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Late April 2012	6/12/2012	County (Tyler) 3 rd Party Consultant (3PC)	Negotiate and finalize 3PC contract.	Includes: Notice to Proceed. EIS work plan and schedule. Communications Protocol. (Addendum 3, verbal change noted – 1/27/2012)
Late April 2012	6/12/2012	County (Tyler)	File contract.	Key milestone.
May 2012	6/12/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice) 3PC	Begin contract work.	
Late April 2012	6/22/2012	County (Tyler)	Hold debriefing conferences (if requested).	Addendum 3, verbal change noted – 1/27/2012
INITIAL NEPA/SEPA WORK				
Early May 2012	6/20/2012	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Introductory meeting of 3PC with NEPA/SEPA co-lead agencies, applicants, ORA.	Discuss communication protocols, coordination, moving forward.
May 2012	6/12-20/2012	3PC	Consultant reviews background information and visits project site.	Site visit would include co-lead agencies and applicants.
May 2012	6/20 & 29/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice) 3PC	Kickoff meetings between 3PC, co-lead agencies and others as determined by co-leads to provide information.	
June 2012	9/21/2012	USACE (Randel)	Issue Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare EIS for NEPA and local “Special Public Notice”.	Key milestone.
June 2012	August/ September 2012	USACE (Randel)	Tribal notifications.	
June 2012	9/21/2012	USACE (Randel)	Publish Notice in Federal Register (FR).	Contained in Federal Register Volume 77, No. 184, Friday, September 21, 2012 (58531-58532)
June 2012	9/24/2012	County (Tyler)	Issue Determination of Significance (DS) for SEPA.	Key milestone.
June 2012	9/24/2012	County (Tyler)	Issue public notice per WCC 16.08.130.	

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June 2012	9/24/2012	Ecology (Alice)	Post DS in SEPA Register.	
PUBLIC SCOPING				
3/20/2012	3/20/2012	SEPA Co-leads (Tyler, Alice) ORA (Jane, Greg, Scott)	Public information meeting – pre-scoping #1. Focus on environmental impact review process.	Conduct at Bellingham High School theater, 6-8 p.m.
May 2012	August/ September 2012	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Develop public participation plan (PPP), communication plan, scoping approach (schedule, logistics).	
May/June 2012	August/ September 2012	3PC	Arrange for scoping events.	
June 2012	9/24/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Begin Public Scoping Period (120 days)	Key milestone.
June/July 2012	9/24/2012	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Distribute scoping info, materials.	
June/July 2012	10/27/2012 to 12/13/2012	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Public scoping events.	
July 2012	11/9/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Government agency scoping event.	If deemed necessary, applicants will attend to provide information.
July/August 2012	1/22/2012	NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Close of scoping period.	
January/ February 2013	3/29/2013	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Compile and review comments.	Scoping report with summary of comments posted on GPT EIS website.
February/April 2013	July 2013	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Establish scope of analysis for EIS.	

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May 2013	7/31/2013	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Release information on NEPA and SEPA scope of EIS.	Key milestone.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)				
Spring 2013	March 2013	3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Begin preparing draft EIS.	Co-leads and contractor work on elements of EIS.
2015 or later		3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Issue draft EIS, open public comment period, and have public hearing.	Refer to WA Ecology website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/gatewaypacific/
2016 or later		3PC w/ NEPA/SEPA Co-leads (Randel, Tyler, Alice)	Issue final EIS.	Refer to WA Ecology website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/gatewaypacific/

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Website: GPT MAP Team website: http://www.ezview.wa.gov/pr/site/alias_1357/tools/27378/tools.aspx