



Quarterly Report #5

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project

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This quarterly report for the GPT MAP Team covers work conducted during January, February and March 2012. Project details are available on the GPT MAP Team website:

https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/22844/default.aspx

Much of the work on the GPT project during this past quarter was done 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 environmental review.

Accomplishments and Updates

- ▶ Major Milestones
 - NEPA/SEPA: Whatcom County issued a request for proposals to procure a consultant team for Gateway Pacific Terminal and BNSF Custer Spur Modifications Project, NEPA/SEPA Environmental Impact Statement Development. January 4, 2012.
 - NEPA/SEPA: Consultant interviews were conducted with four consultant teams, selected from the seven teams who submitted proposals. March 14-15, 2012.
- ▶ Agency Actions
 - Permitting: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) inspections associated with last fall's wetland fill violation were conducted by WA Department of Ecology (Ecology). February and March, 2012.
- ▶ Applicant Actions
 - The Applicant (PIT) submitted permit applications to Whatcom County:
 - ▶ New Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) supplemental application. March 19, 2012.
 - ▶ Revised Major Project Permit (MPP) application. March 19, 2012.
- ▶ Communications
 - No MAP Team meetings occurred during this quarter.



- The NEPA/SEPA co-lead agencies, USACE, Whatcom County, and Ecology, have been conducting meetings specific to the NEPA/SEPA process.
 - One NEPA/SEPA project management meeting was held in follow-up of the Executive Briefing (December 8, 2011). January 9, 2012. (See Key Meetings table for details.)
 - Weekly project management check-in calls began on January 26, 2012, and continue on Thursdays to date.
- ▶ **General Public Communications**
 - MAP Team: Correspondence from Salish Land Policy Solutions to the USACE was posted to the MAP Team website, as requested by Salish Land Policy Solutions. March 3, 2012.
 - SEPA: A public information meeting on the environmental review process was conducted by Ecology and Whatcom County, with support from the USACE, in Bellingham. March 20, 2012. (See Key Meetings table for details.)
- ▶ **Website Tools**
 - MAP team tracking tools were updated, with latest updates in February and March 2012.
 - The NEPA/SEPA critical path tracking was updated March 26, 2012.
- ▶ **Key Meetings**

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcomes
1/9/2012	Project Management Team Meeting	Affirm expectations and commitments for schedule, communication, project management, and accountability. Meeting involved the co-lead agencies (USACE, Whatcom County and Ecology), the applicants (PIT and BNSF), and ORA as facilitator. Work out details of project management for critical path tasks.	Conducted weekly check-in calls with applicant and NEPA/SEPA co-lead agencies to track progress and discuss critical path tasks.



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3/20/2012	Environmental Review Process Information Meeting	Inform the public of the SEPA and NEPA environmental review process, where we are in the process for Gateway Pacific Terminal project review, how and when public comments are accepted, and take questions.	Conducted question and answer session following presentation, and open house to allow for smaller discussions. Will prepare frequently asked questions (FAQ) handout based on questions from meeting.

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 (https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/27378/tools.aspx).

Date	Milestone/Event	Explanation
1/4/2012	NEPA/SEPA: Request for Proposal for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Contractor Issued	Whatcom County issued
2/14/2012	NEPA/SEPA: Consultant proposals due	Seven proposals submitted
3/14-15/2012	NEPA/SEPA: Conduct interviews with selected consultants	Four teams selected for interviews
3/19/2012	Permits: PIT submits County permit applications	New SSDP and revised MPP applications submitted to Whatcom County

Moving Forward

These are known tasks for the next few months. The timeframes are estimates and are uncertain due to the complexity of the GPT project and environmental review process.

Task	Estimated Timeframe
NEPA and SEPA EIS process and formal scoping – Co-lead Agencies	
• Negotiate and finalize third party consultant contract	Late April 2012
• Negotiate and finalize applicants' contract	Late April 2012
• Announce 'Apparent Successful Contractor'	Late April 2012
• Issue Notice of Intent to prepare EIS for NEPA – USACE	June 2012
• Issue Determination of Significance for SEPA – County	June 2012
• Begin public scoping period	June 2012



Task	Estimated Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Begin preparing draft EIS	Fall 2012
Complete Applications – Applicants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submit JARPA to Ecology (401 Certification) – BNSF	To be determined (TBD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submit project information and technical reports to MAP Team agencies – PIT and BNSF	TBD*
MAP Team Meetings – MAP Team Agencies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">2-3 MAP Team sub-committee meetings to discuss project issues and specialized topics	TBD**
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Government agency scoping event (not exclusive to MAP Team)	July 2012

Notes: * Prior to commencement of scoping.
** Depends on release of technical reports.