



Quarterly Report #6

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 April, May and June 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 determinations of completeness for processing County permits for Gateway Pacific Terminal and BNSF Custer Spur Modifications Project (GPT Project). April 2, 2012.
 - NEPA/SEPA: Whatcom County issued notice of application for GPT Project. April 16, 2012.
 - NEPA/SEPA: Whatcom County and WA Department of Ecology (Ecology) announced third party consultant selection. May 30, 2012.
 - NEPA/SEPA: Whatcom County filed the contracts for the GPT Project EIS. June 12, 2012.
- ▶ Agency Actions
 - Permitting: Letter from Ecology to applicant regarding status of 401 water quality certification. May 17, 2012.
- ▶ Applicant Actions
 - The Applicant (PIT) requested to withdraw and reapply for the 401 water quality certification. May 29, 2012.
- ▶ Communications
 - E-mail updates were changed from 'weekly' to 'as needed' on May 8, 2012.



- E-mail update on project status and accomplishments of MAP team was provided to Executive Leadership. May 9, 2012.
- The NEPA/SEPA co-lead agencies have been conducting meetings specific to the NEPA/SEPA process. Weekly project management check-in calls facilitated by ORA began on January 26, 2012 and continued on Thursdays, ending on April 26, with one additional call on May 31, 2012.
- ▶ Website Tools
 - The critical path tracking tool was last updated June 18, 2012.
 - The completed milestones tool was last updated June 19, 2012.
- ▶ Key Meetings
 - No MAP Team meetings were held during 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 (https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/27378/tools.aspx).

Date	Milestone/Event	Explanation
4/2/2012	Determination of Completeness	Whatcom County issued for county permit applications
4/16/2012	Notice of Application	Whatcom County issued for county permit applications, allowing for 30-day comment period
5/30/2012	Announce selection of contractor	CH2MHill was announced as third party consultant by Whatcom County and Ecology issued a press release to announce selection
6/12/2012	File Contracts	Contracts for EIS work signed and filed: third party consultant contract and applicants' contract
6/20/2012	Kickoff Meeting	CH2MHill, conducted a kickoff meeting for co-lead agencies and consultant team, including presentation by the applicants and site visit



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 Agencies¹	
• Issue Notice of Intent to prepare EIS for NEPA – USACE	August/September 2012
• Issue Determination of Significance for SEPA – County	August/September 2012
• Begin public scoping period	August/September 2012
• Government agency scoping event	Fall 2012
• Begin preparing draft EIS	Winter 2013
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
MAP Team Meetings – MAP Team Agencies	
• 2-3 MAP Team sub-committee meetings to discuss project issues and specialized topics	TBD ³

- Notes:**
1. Schedule as determined by co-lead agencies.
 2. Schedule as determined by applicants.
 3. Meetings will be called if needed and coordinated with co-lead agencies.