



Quarterly Report #7

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project October 29, 2012

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This quarterly report for the GPT MAP Team covers work conducted during July, August, and September 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 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 environmental review.

Accomplishments and Updates

► Major Milestones

- NEPA/SEPA: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Gateway Pacific Terminal and BNSF Custer Spur Modifications Project (GPT Project) for NEPA, and a Special Public Notice. September 21, 2012.
- NEPA/SEPA: Whatcom County issued determination of significance (DS) for the GPT Project. September 24, 2012.
- NEPA/SEPA: The co-lead agencies announced the opening of a 120-day public scoping period. September 24, 2012.
- NEPA/SEPA: The co-lead agencies activated an EIS process website (see <http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov/>). September 21, 2012.

► Communications

- E-mail updates #75, 76 and 77 on project status and accomplishments were sent to the MAP Team and other contacts.

► Website Tools

- The completed milestones tool was last updated September 24, 2012.
- The critical path tracking tool was last updated September 25, 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
9/21/2012	Notice of Intent – NEPA/Corps	Corps published in Federal Register (Vol. 77, No. 184)
9/24/2012	Determination of Significance – SEPA/Whatcom County	Whatcom County published notice per WCC 16.08.130
9/24/2012	Begin public scoping period – NEPA/SEPA co-lead agencies	Scoping period will be 120 days (close 1/21/2013)

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	
• Conduct public scoping events	October-December 2012
• Government agency scoping event	November 2012
• Close of scoping period	January 21, 2013
• Compile and review scoping comments	January/March 2013
• Establish scope of analysis for EIS	Spring 2013
• Scoping summary report	Spring 2013
• Begin preparing draft EIS	Spring 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
• Executive Team meeting following end of scoping period.	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.