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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

For guidance on completing this form or assistance in understanding a question, visit http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/ChecklistGuidance.html

The SEPA Handbook is available online at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/handbk/hbintro.html

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Reimann Industrial Center - Port of Pasco

2. Name of applicant:

Port of Pasco, Stephen McFadden

Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
 PO Box 769, 1110 Osprey Pointe Blvd. #201, Pasco, WA 99301-0769
 (509) 547-3378

FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of proposal: The proposed project consists of constructing a new rail switch in the BNSF classification yard and approx. 1,100 linear feet of new rail line, transitioning east across along a new rail crossing at Railroad Avenue, then onto the Reimann Industrial Center property.

File Number:

SEPA 2021-05

Proponent

Port of Pasco

Location:

The property currently has no address, and is generally located north of the Clark Road east alignment, west of Hwy 395, and east of Railroad Avenue.

The property is zoned Rural Industrial 2 (I-2).

Legal Description:

The project is located in the SW ¼ of Township 10 North, Range 31 East, Section 31 W.M., Franklin County, Washington – Parcel Number 124-

680-039.

Lead agency:

Franklin County, Washington.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of publication (November 4, 2021). Comments must be submitted by: *November 19*, 2021.

Responsible official: Derrick Braaten

Position/title/Phone: Planning and Building Director — (509) 545-3521

Address:

502 Boeing Street, Pasco, WA 99301

Date/Signature:

Any agency or person may appeal this SEPA determination by filing a written appeal to the responsible official no later than **November 19, 2021**. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about the procedure for SEPA appeals.

4. Date checklist prepared:

January 11, 2021

- 5. Agency requesting checklist: Franklin County
- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

July 2021 construction start

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes. The rail spur and utilities may be expanded based upon customer demand along with future earthwork moving, paved roadways and industrial buildings.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Phase 1 Environmental Assessment and Cultural Resources Study has already been completed - there were no areas of concern noted in the reports

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

City of Pasco Urban Growth Area Expansion

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Grading Permit, Right of Way Permit

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This project will construct a new rail switch in the BNSF classification yard and approx. 1,100 ft of the rail line and a rail crossing across Railroad Ave in Franklin County, WA. Also includes installation of City water, sewer, communications and electricalservice to support the industrial area.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

T10R30S31, Franklin County Parcel # 124-680-039 Generally located south of West Vineyard Drive and East of North Railroad Avenue

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

- 1. Earth
- a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
 10%
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Soil is classified as "fine sandy loam" (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey)

 d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Earthwork moving will be required to provide proper grades for rail line, roadways and building pads. Source of fill will be the existing on-site soils.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion is not anticipated for this site.

 g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project

construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Initial infrastructure phase will add minimal impervious surfaces. Future development of area is assumed to be 40% to 60% impervious.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Best management practices will be used to reduce and control erosion. Local and state laws will be followed.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Construction: Minor construction equipment emissions and some dust from vehicles & equipment during construction.

Air emissions associated with food processing facilities in the future.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Best management practices during construction will be conducted for dust control

- 3. Water
- a. Surface Water:
 - Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

A body of water related to an irrigation canal north of the subject property exists and is unnamed.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

No in-water or over-water work will be required,

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed

from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected.

Indicate the source of fill material.

None.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general

description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

None.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.
No.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
 No.
- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None anticipated.

- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
 - Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Runoff will dissipate into existing soils.

Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No.

 Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.
 No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: None.
4. Plants
a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, otherevergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, otherX_shrubsX_grasspastureX_crop or grainOrchards, vineyards or other permanent cropswet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage,
otherwater plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, otherother types of vegetation
b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? Existing vegetation along rail and utility corridors will be removed.
c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. None known. FC: WDFW PHS Map designates portions of this area as Great Basin & Intermountain Ruderal Shrubland habitat.
d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
Areas of soil disturbance will be hydro-seeded with an arid dry land grass mix.
e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. None.
5. Animals
 a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.
Examples include: birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

To Be Completed by Applicant:

Evaluation for Agency Use Only:

mammals: deer bear, elk, beaver, other: coyotes, rabbits fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the

site.
None known.

FC: A review of the WDFW PHS Map shows no indication of

listed species in the area.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

FC: Entire Columbia Basin is within the Pacific Flyway migration route.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet

the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating,

manufacturing, etc.

Diesel fuel will be used by the locomotive hauling rail cars on the track.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe.

No.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?

List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk

of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?

If so, describe.

There are no unusual environmental health hazard expected with the project.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None known.

 Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

There are two (2) existing natural gas main lines that are located in the project area.

 Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Rail spur may contain future cars that contain toxic or hazardous materials.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None anticipated.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example:

traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Rail-car movements on Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and Highway noise from HWY 395 all contribute noise to the area, but will not affect this project.

What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a

short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indi-

cate what hours noise would come from the site.

Construction equipment will generate noise during work hours - generally from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Added train noise will result from this project.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Limit construction work to daylight hours.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

To Be Completed by Applicant:

Evaluation for Agency Use Only:

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The property is currently used for agricultural purposes. Because there is an existing railroad, this spur will not affect adjacent properties.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Yes - the site is used for irrigated agricultural. That use will remain with the proposed project until other development occurs.

 Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Existing cell tower is located on site.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

I-2, General Industrial

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Rural Industrial

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

No.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed

None at this time. Future development will create an unknown amount of jobs.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: None.
- Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land

uses and plans, if any:

The project is being developed in accordance with the Franklin County development code.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

None.

9. Housing

 a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

 Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

 Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: None.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is

the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

No structures are planned at this time. Future buildings will be developed but are unknown at this time.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
 None.
- Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: None.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly

occur?

Train traffic light intermittently throughout day and night.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
 None.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

 None.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

None.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Not applicable.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

No.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

FC: A review of the DAHP WISSARD Map shows no indication of culturally or historical designated sites.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

A cultural resources report was prepared in July 2019. This report indicted that cultural resources are not known to exist within the project area.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Not applicable - if any cultural or historical resources are discovered before or during construction, all work must stop and appropriate authorities notified.

FC: Inadvertent discovery protocols shall be followed, at a minimum.

14. Transportation

 a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

W Vineyard Dr, N Railroad Ave, US 395, E Foster Wells Rd

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The site is not currently served by public transit. The nearest transit stop is at Columbia Basin College - approximately 7 driving miles away from the site.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None at this time.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Rail will require a rail crossing across N Railroad Ave. Future roadways are planned.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Yes - the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad is on the west side of the property. The project directly impacts this railroad by creating a rail spur off said railroad. Underground utilities will be added to the

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

None at this time.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No.

FC: Railroad Ave is an ag transport route. The rail crossing may cause delays to transport when trains use the crossing.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: None.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

The rail spur and addition to utilities to the site will not directly increase the need for public services. Although the long term plan of the Industrial Park will increase the need for public services and will create new job growth.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None.

16. Utilities

a.	Circle utilities currentl	y available a	t the site:			
	electricity, natural gas,	water, refus	e service,	telephone,	sanitary se	ewer,
	septic system,					
	other					

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

The City of Pasco domestic water and sanitary sewer services will be extended to the site from E Foster Wells Rd. Fiber optics, communications and electrical power will also be extended to the site along Railroad Ave.

C. Signature

the above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the ead agency is relying on them to make its decision.
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR REQUESTS

Print Name: STEPHEN

Reimann Industrial Center Off-Site infrastructure Project. This project will construct a new rail switch in the BNSF classification yard and approx. 1,100 ft of the rail line and a rail crossing across Railroad Ave in Franklin County, WA. Also includes installation of City water, sewer, communications and electrical service to support the industrial area.

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Lot 2, S 160339	9, records of Franklin Co	unty, Washin	gton.	under Auditor's File No.
Site Addr	ess (describe location if no	address is assig	ned):	
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