



Notice of Action

POINT DEFIANCE BYPASS PROJECT PASSENGER RAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN PIERCE COUNTY

NOTICE IS GIVEN under SEPA, RCW 43.21C.080, that Washington State Department of Transportation took the action described in (2) below on September 24, 2013.

1. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before October 30, 2013.

2. Description of agency action: WSDOT has approved track and signal design to proceed with the Point Defiance Bypass Project. The project consists of railroad track and support facility improvements to reroute Amtrak's intercity passenger rail and relocate the Tacoma Amtrak station to Freighthouse Square.

3. Description of proposal: Construct railroad track and support facility improvements. Actions include:

- Constructing new track adjacent to the existing main line from South 66th Street in Tacoma, to between Bridgeport Way Southwest and Clover Creek Drive Southwest in Lakewood;
- Reconstructing and rehabilitating the existing main line from just southwest of Bridgeport Way Southwest in Lakewood to Nisqually Junction;
- Improving several grade crossings within the proposed project area; and,
- Relocating the existing Tacoma Amtrak Station from its current Puyallup Avenue location to the Tacoma Dome Station at Freighthouse Square in Tacoma.

4. Location of current proposal: The project is located within Pierce County along an existing approximately 20-mile rail corridor between Tacoma and Nisqually that generally parallels and is west of the Interstate 5 (I-5) transportation corridor.

5. Type of environmental review under SEPA (Name and date adopted documents were prepared): Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents and Determination of Non-significance issued March 13, 2013. SEPA Environmental Checklist issued March 13, 2013. U. S. Department of Transportation NEPA Documents Adopted: (1) Point Defiance Bypass Project Environmental Assessment, dated February 22, 2013; (2) Finding of No Significant Impact by Federal Railroad Administration, dated March 1, 2013.

6. Document Availability: Documents can be viewed during regular business hours at WSDOT Headquarters 310 Maple Park Avenue SE, Olympia, WA. Contact the State Rail and Marine Office at (360) 705-7900. The documents are on-line at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/pnwrc_ptdefiance/

7. Name of agency, proponent, or applicant giving notice: WA State Department of Transportation Passenger Rail Division. Environmental contact person is Carol Lee Roalkvam (360) 705-7126.

8. This notice is filed by:

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Date: October 2, 2013

Signature: