NOTICE OF ACTION

Notice is given under SEPA, RCW 43.21C.080 that the **Washington State Department of Transportation, State Rail and Marine Office** took the action described in (2) below on August 10, 2009.

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 **September 29, 2009**.

2. Description of agency action:
   The Washington State Department of Transportation, State Rail and Marine Office, has approved funding for the **Stanwood Siding Extension and Crossover Project**.

3. Description of proposal:
   The **Stanwood Siding and Extension and Crossover Project** will extend the existing BNSF Stanwood Siding and includes switching and signal improvements to improve capacity, efficiency and safety for both freight and passenger trains.
   The proposed project will also install a crossover on the existing BNSF Railway main line tracks just south of 102nd Ave NW (also known as Old Pacific Highway). The crossover will allow a passenger train and a freight train to use the siding simultaneously while a third train passes on the main track. Once the third train passes, the passenger train can then pass the freight train.
   Another element of the proposed project will eliminate the at-grade rail crossing at 292nd St NW (also known as Logen Road). The extended siding will be used for freight and passenger trains to meet and pass, which would cause trains to sometimes be parked on the siding and block the crossing for extended periods of time. Two nearby alternate routes connecting to the Pacific and Pioneer highways will provide vehicle access to Stanwood and Interstate-5.
   As part of the at-grade crossing closure, the project will also make grade crossing signal improvements at 271st St NW, 300th St NW and 102nd Ave NW (also known as Old Pacific Highway, adjacent to Pioneer Highway).
   This proposed project will reduce potential train backup and delay on public road crossings and will improve service and safety for the new Amtrak station being built in Stanwood.

4. Location of proposal:
   The project is located north of the City of Stanwood in Snohomish County. Track improvements will begin approximately 2,300 feet south of 292nd St NW (also known as Logen Road) and extend north to approximately 2,200 feet north of 102nd Ave NW (also known as Old Pacific Highway).

5. Type of environmental review under SEPA:
   Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) issued July 21, 2009, with a 14-day comment period ending on August 4, 2009.

6. Documents may be examined during regular business hours at:
   Stanwood Library
   9701 – 271st NW
   Stanwood, WA 98292

   Washington State Department of Transportation
   State Rail and Marine Office
   310 Maple Park Ave. SE
   Olympia, WA 98504

   The SEPA documents are also available on the project website at
   http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/pnwrc_stanwood/

7. Name of agency giving notice:
   Washington State Department of Transportation

8. This notice is filed by:

Scott Witt, Director
State Rail and Marine Office
Washington State Department of Transportation

8/26/09
Date