

Surface
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Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project

Grant County International Airport
Thursday, November 20, 2008, 4 - 7 P.M.

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) are jointly conducting the required environmental review of a proposed rail project in the Moses Lake area, called the Northern Columbia Basin Railroad Project. The Port of Moses Lake has proposed this project to encourage economic development and the continued use and preservation of rail in the region.

SEA and WSDOT welcome your comments on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment, including suggestions for additional mitigation measures. Please leave your comments with us tonight or send them by **December 8, 2008** to Rail Environmental Manager Elizabeth Phinney, by email (phinnee@wsdot.wa.gov), by fax (360.705.6821), or by mail, WA St. Dept. of Transportation, Freight Systems Division, P.O. Box 47407, Olympia, WA 98504-7407.

Please tell us what you think

I RECOMMEND MOVING FORWARD ON SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 INITIALLY DUE TO THE POSITIVE IMPACT TO THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY EAST OF GCIA AND THE RELATIVELY LOW COST TO IMPLEMENT. THE REMAINING SEGMENTS CAN BE ADDED AS THE RESULTS OF THE INITIAL SE SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 PROVE THEMSELVES. LONGER TERM, COMPLETING SEGMENT 1 AND REROUTING RAIL TRAFFIC OUT OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA WOULD BE A POSITIVE IMPROVEMENT TO THE AREA. PLEASE MOVE FORWARD ON SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 ASAP.

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If we have a question about your comment, please tell us how to contact you.

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Thank you!