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Ms. Elizabeth Phinney
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Re: Rail expansion in and around Moses Lake WA

Ms Phinney:

After attending the Rail Expansion meeting on the 19th, I would like to present some of my personal views on the subject.

1. I am not opposed to the prudent expansion and development of a larger commercial development land base severed by the short line rail road.
2. I think the current option routing the rail line along Wheeler Road and across Parker Horn is ridiculous, unjustified and pure blatant illegal use of the supposed power the GMA gives to cities who want to expand their taxable mortgage base.
3. The Port District does need improved rail lines. Current rail lines do exist that do carry and can be upgraded to carry future freight out of Moses Lake. There would be fewer interruptions to life and property in upgrading existing lines over building the proposed new lines. Even the first proposal of using the old spur line which went north out of Wheeler to Gloyd makes more sense than routing along Wheeler Road.
4. Rail service is important to Moses Lake and it continued growth but not at the expense of property owners and residence who would lose and be penalized by this plan.

Thank you,

Respectfully yours,

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