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December 19, 2012

To: GPT/BNSF Custer Spur EIS Co-Lead Agencies
c/o CH2M HILL
1100 112th Avenue, NE., Suite 400
Bellevue, WA 98004

From: Board of Directors
Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Re: Gateway Pacific Terminal, Request for Scoping Review

Please accept this letter on behalf of Mount Vernon School District No. 320 in regards to the scoping process for the environmental review associated with the GPT/BNSF Custer Spur project.

We are requesting that you investigate and study the impacts of the proposed project on the transportation of Mount Vernon School District students to and from our 9 school sites throughout the school year.

Our school district encompasses approximately 66 square miles in and around the Mount Vernon City limits. Our buses, which transport 4,500 students daily, cross the existing railroad tracks a total of 140 times each day. As a result, we are very concerned about the proposed increase in train traffic along existing tracks.

Delays caused by increased train traffic will extend the amount of time students are on school buses, disrupt school schedules, and increase bus driver time.

We ask that during your review process, you analyze the impact of increased train traffic on student transportation and address specific solutions.

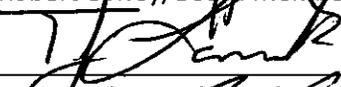
If you require additional information, please feel free to contact our superintendent's office at 360-428-6181.

Sincerely,

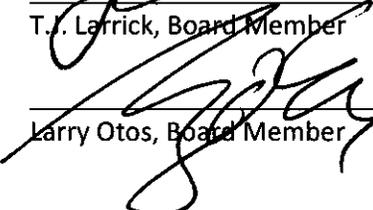
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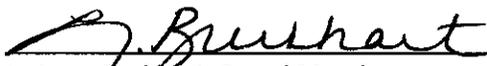
Robert Coffey, Board Member



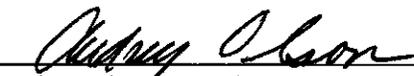
T.J. Larrick, Board Member



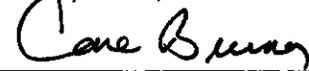
Larry Otos, Board Member



LuAnne Burkhardt, Board Member



Audrey Olson, Board Member



Carl Bruner, Superintendent