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Subject: Discussion with the Port - Public Engagement
Attachments: EIS Schedule (Proposed).docx

John,

Please find attached a tentative schedule and timeline for the scoping, draft EIS preparation, draft EIS public hearings, final EIS preparation and issuance. From my perspective (and staff's) it is key that the Port not have/hold public meetings during the period of time the City is having public hearings on the draft EIS which will likely occur between July 2016 and August 2016 timeframe. As I mentioned to you, these dates are subject to change depending on how long it takes for the City and the consultants to prepare the draft EIS. Also, we may recommend shifting our draft EIS public hearings to September 2016 if we are into late summer in order to avoid conflicts with the public's summer vacation schedules as we often face criticism because many residents highly value their summer months for vacations and other family activities. If this ends up happening, this will in turn potentially shift the overall schedule for final EIS issuance to early 2017.

As I mentioned , the City will be focused on the thoroughness and transparency of our process as opposed to "fixed" schedules. While predictability is important for everyone, we also need to be flexible to be sure we give adequate time for comment, analysis and outreach.

Also, any outreach the Port does needs to be explicit in that it does not directly relate or influence the City's EIS/SEPA process. I would appreciate that the Port be very clear that the purpose of your outreach is education and information sharing. As we discussed, lets ensure that our respective Teams coordinate closely to avoid any unintended conflicts and misperceptions about our respective outreach and engagement efforts.

Thanks

In the Spirit of Excellence!!
T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

City of Tacoma
EIS Schedule (tentative) for Proposed Methanol Plant

Determination of Significance/Scoping Notice published	December 15, 2016
Scoping period	December 15, 2015 – March 4, 2016
Scoping meeting hearings	January 21, 2016 February 10, 2016 February 16, 2016
Draft Scope of EIS available	February 5, 2016
Comments Close	March 4, 2016
EIS Consultant Contract	by March 31, 2016
Draft EIS Issued for extensive public comment	July 15, 2016
DEIS Comment period	July 15 – August 31, 2016
Final EIS Notice of Availability	December 30, 2016
Notice of Action (consideration of development permits)	January, 2017