Port of Vancouver USA

Notice of Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS)
Port of Vancouver Trail Project
CP0280/281

Description of Proposal: The project proposes to extend and connect two existing segments of a multi-use trail along the southern edge of SR 501, from the westernmost existing multi-use trail (Gateway Avenue/Parcel 1A trail) east to St. Francis Lane. The proposed project consists of two trail extensions and associated landscaping, totaling approximately 0.83 mile. The connection is shown on the City of Vancouver (City) Park and Trail Map that is part of the City's comprehensive plan, and both segments were proposed for funding through the 2013 Federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

Location: The proposed project consists of two trail extensions, totaling approximately 0.83 mile. Trail segment 1 is approximately 0.50 mile in length and extends from the convergence of West Mill Plain Boulevard and St. Francis Lane to the Port's administrative office. Trail segment 2 is approximately 0.33 mile long and extends from the Port's administrative office to where the trail will tie into the existing Gateway Avenue/Parcel 1A trail.

Proponent:	Port of Vancouver USA 3103 NW Lower River Road Vancouver, WA 98660
Lead Agency:	**Port of Vancouver USA**
Property Owners:	Port of Vancouver USA 3103 NW Lower River Road Vancouver, WA 98660 Washington Department of Transportation Southwest Region 11018 NE 51st Circle Vancouver, WA 98682-6686
Neighborhood Associations:	Fruit Valley

The Lead Agency has reviewed the completed Environmental Checklist for the above-described proposal (the "Project") and other information on file with the Lead Agency, as required by WAC 197-11-310 – 197-11-330. The Lead Agency has determined that the Project is likely to have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, but any such impacts will be mitigated to a level of nonsignificance if the measures identified below are implemented by the Proponent. With the implementation of these mitigation measures, the Project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and the preparation of an environmental impact statement under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) is not required.

The Project will be consistent with all federal, state, and local approvals, permits, and regulations.

Conditions of Approval for Mitigating Environmental Impacts:

- The fill material will come from an approved offsite source.

- Best management practices (BMPs) will be employed on the site includes silt fencing, soil stabilization, a construction entrance, and stockpile protection as appropriate. Soil erosion BMPs implemented on the site will be consistent with the erosion prevention and sediment control plan requirements of VMC 14.24.070.

- Reasonable dust control measures, such as water application, will be used as appropriate for all onsite activities, including grading and storage piles.

- In order to limit GHG emissions from construction, construction equipment and vehicles will be outfitted with standard manufacturer's emission control equipment and may also operate using bio-based lubricants and fuels, such as biodiesel. Construction and staging areas will be designed to reduce equipment wait times and engine idling. These measures will reduce fuel consumption and emissions.

- If contaminated soils are encountered with construction, they will be disposed of appropriately consistent with all local, state, and federal requirements

- In the event any unknown archeological resource is encountered, work will stop and the WA State Dept. of Historical Preservation Office will be notified so that a course of action can be implemented.

- This Determination of Mitigated Nonsignificance is based on compliance with all government approvals and permits.

The environmental checklist and related information, which are the basis of this determination, are on file and will be made available on request. The environmental checklist may be viewed at: http://www.portvanusa.com/environmental-services/sepa/ . The Port will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance.

Comments regarding this determination should be made in writing within 14 calendar days after the date this decision is issued. **The issue date of this notice is *March 21, 2014*. Comments must be received by 5 pm, *April 4, 2014*. No verbal comments will be accepted.**

Comments should be addressed to:

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March 21, 2014

Responsible Official Name **Date**

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