## Port of Vancouver Freight Access EA and FONSI

The Port of Vancouver (Port) in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation proposes improvements to the West Vancouver Freight Access. This Project is located on Port of Vancouver, USA property in Vancouver, Washington within the Pacific Northwest High Speed Rail Corridor (PNWRC).

The purpose of the Project is to: 1) expand Port rail capacity and operations (within the existing Port facility), specifically unit train capacity, to enhance the rail network for future growth and development while minimizing disruption to existing Port tenants and businesses, 2) relieve congestion, improve operational efficiencies, and ensure continued safe operations as rail traffic grows in and around the Port and along the existing BNSF north-south and east-west main lines, and 3) reduce delays and improve the reliability and safety of passenger rail service within the PNWRC, particularly through the Portland Oregon/Vancouver Washington main line.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) selected the application for mainline grade separation in the Port, submitted by MDOT, for funding under the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) program. Additionally, the Port is applying for funding through the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) program administered through the FRA.

FRA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on September 14, 2011 based on the EA prepared by the Port and WSDOT.

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