



Port Acquires BNSF Property

Bingen, Washington – The Port of Klickitat has acquired approximately one acre of property, adjacent to its Bingen Point holdings, from the BNSF Railway. Located northwest of Marina Park, the property is an important component of future plans to provide improved access to the park and to privately held properties east of the Port.

“This is a strategic acquisition in the sense that its real value will be felt in five to ten years,” said Marc Thornsby, the Port's Executive Director. “Having this property will allow us to widen and straighten Lakeview Blvd. at a future date.

That, in turn, will free additional property to the south for development and improve a key element of any future transportation plan for the properties east of Maple St. and south of the rail line.”

Future plans call for replacement of the section of Lakeview Blvd. between Harbor Dr. and Marina Park with a new road running immediately north of the current location. Once abandoned, the old roadway will be incorporated into the adjoining lots to the south. Thornsby said this is one more step in the process, started earlier this year, of preparing for additional development at Bingen Point.

At A Glance...

Who:.....Port of Klickitat

What:.....Property Acquisition

When:.....April 5, 2010

Where:.....Bingen Point

Quick Facts:.....Just over one acre acquired from BNSF.

Plans target property for realignment of Lakeview Blvd., additional development, and better access to areas east.

About the Port of Klickitat

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84.

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