

Deltaport Third Berth Project
November 24th, 2007
Delta Town and Country
Delta

OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

Introduction

VPA hosted a public open house in Delta at the Delta Town and Country on November 26, 2007 to provide the community with an update on the Deltaport Third Berth Project (DP3). A total of 65 individuals attended the event. VPA staff, TSI Terminal Systems Inc. and Deltaport Contractors Ltd. (DCL) had staff available to answer questions. Members of the Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC) were also in attendance.

Information boards were on display and comment forms were offered to attendees to provide VPA with feedback on the project. Staff and DCLC members also tracked issues raised during open house discussions on issue-tracking forms

Input

Very few comments were received at the open house regarding construction activities related to DP3. Many open house attendees provided comments related to existing operational issues at Deltaport with the implication that any expansion of container facilities would exacerbate these existing issues (e.g. truck and traffic issues). Appreciation was expressed for the ongoing work by DCLC and VPA to resolve these issues

Issues Raised

Questions and comments were received regarding:

Environmental Issues

- Concern over project impacts to over-wintering wildlife habitat.
- Support for VPA environmental stewardship.
- Interest in what happened to the ospreys involved in the nest relocation project.
- Concern over introduction of invasive species in ballast water.

Air Quality

- Concern over decrease in local air quality.
- Concern over ship compliance with VPA measures intended to address air quality issues.
- Concern over local air emissions from idling trucks.
- Interest in opportunity at DP3 to use technology to reduce vehicle emissions.

Noise

- Concern over increase in noise.
- Concern with truck noise.
- Concern over ship noise while at dock.

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Trucks and Traffic

- Concern over safe truck operations in the community and the regulation/enforcement of truck operations.
- Concern over enforcement of restriction of trucks to curb lanes.
- Concern with increased numbers of trucks on local highways and the impact of increased congestion on road safety.
- Truck observed ignoring traffic control devices.
- Concern with impacts to Highway 17. Need for coordination with Gateway Project regarding light and turn signals along highway.
- Concern over conflicts with trucks in transition from Highway 17 to Highway 99 northbound.

Ships

- Interest in shore power for ships at dock.
- VPA board should provide staff with the regulation and enforcement tools to document and ban ships who negatively impact air quality and noise levels.
- VPA should document top 10% of worst ship offenders regarding negative impacts to air quality and noise.

Rail

- Interest in reading the road/rail interface study.
- Interest in VPA and DCLC supporting a no-whistle rail crossing at 127A.
- Interest in train speed reduction past Panorama Ridge at night.

Other Socio-economic

- Suggested that VPA efforts to lobby the provincial government to reinstate Delta hospital to full operating capacity would alleviate concerns with DP3.
- Concern over project impacts to farmland.

Consultation and Communications

- Support for the project.
- Appreciative of information provided at open house.
- Interest in continued and expanded VPA support of local youth and sporting activities.
- Need to better communicate environmental protection measures, including introduction of the hybrid crane.
- Terminal should include a public viewing area.
- Interest in earlier and more extensive notification of open houses through the *Delta Optimist*.

Existing Operational Issues

- Concern that issue of existing lighting at terminal has not been addressed.
- Concern with train noise at port (shunting, wheels, engines).
- Concern over rat problem in Delta believed to be related to container ships.

- Concern with train noise (whistles).