



PORT OF BELLINGHAM  
*Washington State*

June 6, 2008

Mr. Tyler Schroeder  
Current Planning Supervisor  
Whatcom County Planning and Development Services  
5280 Northwest Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98226

RE: Port of Bellingham Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Binding Site Plan – SEPA  
Lead Agency

Dear Mr. Schroeder;

The Port of Bellingham is submitting this letter in response to discussion during our May 16, 2008 meeting with Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff and our June 4, 2008 Pre-Application meeting regarding the Port's upcoming applications for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Preliminary Binding Site Plan (PBSP). At the County's request, the Port of Bellingham has agreed to act as SEPA Lead Agency for the proposed Bellingham International Airport Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Binding Site Plan No. 2.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the Port of Bellingham is the initiator of the proposed Bellingham International Airport PUD and PBSP project and, in accordance with WAC 197-11-926 *Lead Agency for Government Proposals*, is the applicable SEPA Lead Agency for the project proposal. Therefore, the SEPA responsible official for the Port of Bellingham will review the enclosed SEPA checklist and issue a SEPA threshold determination in accordance with the provisions of WAC 197-11.

A copy of the SEPA checklist is enclosed for your information and use. Please note that any amendments or updates to the enclosed checklist, which may be necessary due to documented findings of studies or reports prepared for the proposal, will be provided to Whatcom County PDS upon completion.

If you have any questions, concerns or require any additional information regarding this matter, please contact me at (360) 676-2500 or [sylviag@portofbellingham.com](mailto:sylviag@portofbellingham.com).

Sincerely;

Sylvia Goodwin, A.I.C.P.  
Planning and Development Director

cc: David Stalheim, Whatcom County PDS Director  
Mike Stoner, Port of Bellingham SEPA Official