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Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub?

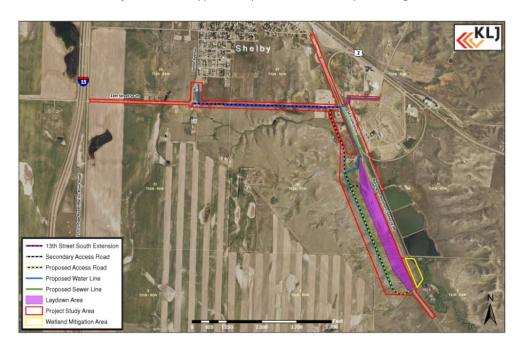
The Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub (Project) is a proposed inland port facility capable of shipping large cargo and containerized freight via railway. Currently, Montana does not have the ability to ship or receive containerized cargo via rail due to a lack of an inland port. Shippers would continue to rely on roadway transportation to ship goods, resulting in high freight costs. The City of Shelby has completed Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to 42 USC § 4332, 49 USC § 303, and 64 FR 28545 for the proposed action, which includes: rail spurs, access roads, street upgrades, utilities, wastewater/stormwater facilities, laydown area, and a bulk material facility.

Q: What are the benefits of the Project?

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Regional and local economic growth
- Reduced roadway maintenance costs
- Reduced commercial traffic within downtown Shelby
- Job creation
- Increased tax revenue

Q: Where is the Project going to be located?

The Project will be located southeast of Shelby within Township 31 North, Range 2 West, Sections 2 & 3 and Township 32 North, Range 2 West, Sections 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35. The total Project area covers approximately 260 acres and is anticipated to begin construction in 2013.



Q: What if I have concerns or comments? Where can I find more information on the Project?

The EA will be available for public review at the Shelby City Hall, the Shelby Public Library and the FRA website http://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0214 from April 1 - April 30, 2013. Additionally, a public open house meeting will be held on April 15, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Shelby City Hall, 112 1st Street South, Shelby, Montana, to address any comments or concerns you may have regarding the Project. If unable to attend the meeting, your questions and comments can be provided by mail to: Brad Koon, KLJ, PO Box 1567, Helena, MT 59601-1201; by email to brad.koon@kljeng.com or by phone at (406) 447-3344. We request your comments by April 30th to ensure that there is ample time to review and incorporate the comments during the environmental review process.