



## **DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS**

**Project Name:** Terminal 46 Cruise Terminal Development

**Proponent:** Port of Seattle

**Lead Agency**<sup>1</sup>: Port of Seattle (SEPA Tracking No. 2019-03)

**Project Location:** The preferred project location is the approximately 86.5-acre Terminal 46 (T-46) site, located on the Seattle waterfront (see attached **Figure 1**). To the north is Pier 48 (owned by Washington Department of Transportation); to the east is Alaskan Way S, the stadium, and the ballpark; to the south is the East Waterway and the U.S. Coast Guard station; and to the west is Elliott Bay. The site address is 401 Alaskan Way S.

**Description of the Proposal:** The Port of Seattle is proposing to develop a new cruise terminal. Analysis of the cruise market and cruise ship deployment supports the need of a fourth berth to meet the demand for Port of Seattle cruise services, which can no longer be met by the three berths at the Port's two existing terminals (Terminal 91 and Pier 66). As noted above, T-46 is the preferred project location and the new cruise terminal would be part of a flexible marine transportation facility which will continue to support cargo and other marine operations.

A cruise terminal requires a deep-water berth, a building to process passengers, ground transportation area, long-term parking for cruise passengers, associated utilities, and connection to the local transportation system. A cruise terminal at Terminal 46 would occupy the northern 29 acres of the overall 86.5-acre terminal facility. The remainder of the site would be maintained as a marine cargo facility and administrative use.

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Required:** The Port of Seattle, as lead agency, acknowledges that there is public interest and concern about the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Proposed Action. Based on that level of concern and the potential for impacts that may occur with the implementation of the Proposed Action, the Port of Seattle has determined that a SEPA EIS will be prepared to study impacts regardless of whether such impacts may be significant.

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<sup>1</sup> The lead agency is responsible for compliance with the procedural requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) on a project.



**Elements of the Environment:** The lead agency has preliminarily identified the following elements for analysis in the EIS:

- Earth
- Water Resources
- Air Quality/ Greenhouse Gas Analysis
- Noise
- Biological Resources
- Aesthetics/Light and Glare
- Historic/Cultural Resources
- Transportation
- Environmental Justice

**Scoping:** Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues that will be addressed in the environmental review document, for soliciting input regarding the Proposed Action and reasonable alternatives, and for identifying concerns regarding the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action. Comments received during Scoping will be reviewed and taken into consideration during the preparation of the SEPA analysis.

Agencies, potentially affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the SEPA EIS. A Scoping Information Packet has been prepared and is available at the website listed below. You may comment on the resource categories/elements of the environment that will be evaluated, alternatives to the proposed action, and licenses, permits, or other approvals that may be required.

It is requested that all comments include your name and address. Before including your name, address, telephone number, email or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. **All comments are due no later than 4 PM, November 13, 2019**, and may be submitted via:

- Terminal 46 Flexible Marine Transportation Facility Cruise Development website (Click “Participate”) at: <http://www.T46cruise.participate.online>
- **E-mail to:** [SEPA@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA@portseattle.org)
- **In writing to:** Laura Wolfe, Port of Seattle, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98121
- **In writing and/or verbally at the three EIS Public Scoping Meetings/Open Houses:** These meetings will provide opportunities to learn more about the project and proposed actions, and to provide input on the environmental review process.

<b>October 30, 2019</b> <b>5:30-7:30 PM</b> South Seattle Community College Georgetown Campus 6737 Corson Avenue South Building C, Room 122 Seattle, WA 98108	<b>November 4, 2019</b> <b>4:00-6:00 PM</b> Embassy Suites at Pioneer Square King Street Ballroom 255 South King Street Seattle, WA 98104	<b>November 7, 2019</b> <b>11:30 AM-1:30 PM</b> The Foundry 4130 1st Avenue S Seattle, WA 98134
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At the scoping meetings information regarding the Proposed Action and the environmental review process will be available. For more information or for those unable to attend a Public Scoping Meeting, the same information will be available on the Port of Seattle's website, as listed above.

If you need the assistance of an interpreter, or want to receive a response to a question in your native language, please call the Port's language help line (206) 787-3797.

**Date:** October 23, 2019

**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandra Kilroy", written over a horizontal line.

Sandra Kilroy  
Director Maritime Environment & Sustainability  
Port of Seattle  
SEPA Responsible Official







Figure 1. Terminal 46 Cruise Terminal Development

