

Final study of Port's Columbia Gateway Project begins with \$1.4 million contract

By approving a \$1.4 million consulting services contract to take it through the federal land use permitting process, the Port of Vancouver has begun the final environmental permitting process toward opening up 535 acres of heavy industrially zoned property and another 540 acres being designated for wetland and habitat mitigation.

The port's commissioners unanimously approved the contract this week with Jones & Stokes, an environmental, transportation, community planning and natural resources management consulting firm. Jones & Stokes has offices throughout the west, including Vancouver.

Vancouver's JD White Company has a substantial subcontract to work with Jones & Stokes.

Columbia Gateway has been a long time in the making. It extends port industrial sites on the Columbia River north as far as the Vancouver Lake flushing channel. Most of the property reserved for mitigation purposes is north of the flushing channel.

Columbia Gateway is one of the premier industrial property sites in the region, according to **Larry Paulson**, Port of Vancouver executive director.

Long envisioned as an extension of port activities, studies for uses of Columbia Gateway began in earnest in the mid-1990s.

The public will be involved with the National Environmental Policy Act studies through public scoping meetings later this year or early in 2005.

Streets at Esther Short Park, Hilton Hotel scheduled for extreme makeover

City planners are calling for a "modern" roundabout and "curbless" plaza at the intersection of 6th Street and Esther Street at the southwest corner of Esther Short Park.

Ornamental street lights, basalt rock designs, and other landscaping are being planned to extend the theme of the park across to the Farmers Market on Esther Street, and the Hilton Hotel and convention center across 6th Street.

All overhead utility wires will be put underground.

An open house to present the city plans will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in City Hall. Construction is to begin this fall, and both streets should be completed a year from now.

Hot July Nights opens in Esther Short Park tomorrow

The gates open for **K. C. Fuller's** two-day Hot July Nights in Esther Short Park at 4 p.m. Friday, July 16. **Sequel** opens the music portion of the event at 6 p.m. Headliner Friday is **Loverboy**, scheduled for 8 p.m.

Headlining Saturday, July 16, activities are **The Supremes**, known briefly at the beginning of their career as the Primettes, at 8 p.m. Gates open at 2 p.m. Saturday.

A beer and wine garden, outdoor barbecue, and the largest dance floor in Vancouver complement the show. Admission is \$10 Friday, \$15 Saturday.



Margaret Kretschmar and her neighbors and members of the Clark County Airport Issues Roundtable are not nearly as happy as she appeared to be in Vancouver yesterday picketing a meeting of the PDX Noise Advisory Committee. The Portland-based committee has ignored pleas from Vancouver to consider moving noisy flight paths farther south of Vancouver. Kretschmar urges those with complaints to call the PDX Noise Abatement Office, **(800) 547-8411**.

News brief

A public meeting presenting information on proposed street improvements on Kauffman Avenue from Fourth Plain Boulevard to 39th Street is at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Public Service Center's 6th floor training room, 1300 Franklin Street.

Thursday on the air

Clark County Focus—5 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Cleveland at the Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKXX
Las Vegas at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, July 15, 2004

Alaska Air Group	21.05	+17	Linear Technology	36.40	-34
Alcoa	32.88	+53	Microsoft	27.87	-26
Amazon.com	48.67	-83	Nautilus	18.61	+44
Bank of America	83.85	-45	Nike	73.21	+46
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	41.61	-08
Bemis	28.23	-01	PepsiCo	51.92	-149
Boeing	49.14	-18	Precision Cast	54.92	-18
Boise Cascade	34.43	-02	RLRN	21.55	+12
CenturyTel	31.39	+27	Starbucks	46.02	+06
Costco	40.98	+13	TSM	7.10	-06
Expeditors Intl.	50.41	+1.17	Tektronix	31.30	+54
Georgia Pacific	35.15	-19	US Bancorp	28.29	-21
HPQ	19.65	-35	Wash. Mutual	38.84	-18
Intel	23.38	-25	W. Coast Bancorp	21.50	+05
Kyocera	78.72	-02	Weyerhaeuser	60.81	+26

DOW: 10,163.16 -45.64 NASDAQ: 1912.71 -2.17 S&P: 1106.69 -4.78

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Gerry Short getting more than he bargained for. ZZZ Jeannine DeGagne and Storm Ding telling story with placards. ZZZ Mark Bowyer pleading for cooler weather. ZZZ Michael Kissinger putting all-stars together. ZZZ George Frangos really on line. ZZZ Thursday , a lot of cooling clouds, 79. Friday , stray clouds could produce a little moisture, 80. Saturday , partly sunny, 80.	Acapulco 91/76 Athens 76/59 Chicago 82/62 Dallas 99/77 Hong Kong 86/77 Las Vegas 100/81 Los Angeles 86/64 London 70/54 New York 82/66 Orlando 93/76 Paris 73/56 Phoenix 102/86 Rome 79/59 Seattle 76/58 Sydney 63/43 Tokyo 86/74 Washington 86/68
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