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CITY REQUESTS ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR PORT'S REZONE APPLICATION

PULLMAN, WA—After review, the City of Pullman Community Development Department asked that the Port of Whitman County supply more information regarding their rezoning application for a proposed Agriculture Advancement Campus in Pullman.

The Port applied for a rezone on March 2, requesting reclassification of approximately 84 acres near U.S. Highway 195 and Old Wawawai Road to Industrial Research Park (IRP) and commercial zoning. The area is currently zoned R-1, R-2, C-1, and C-3.

The zone change application indicates no site-specific uses. If a biodiesel facility were to be proposed, IRP zoning designations require a conditional use permit to be approved by the Hearing Examiner. Any structure or use at the location specified would require SEPA compliance unless an exemption applies per <u>Washington Administrative Code (WAC)</u> <u>197.11.800</u> or <u>City Code 16.39.080</u>.

The City requested the Port supply additional materials—a traffic study, a noise study, and supplemental SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) questions—before the rezone application process can continue. The traffic study has already been received and is currently under review by City staff. No deadline exists for the Port to provide the remaining items. Additional information may be requested of the applicant as review of submitted materials continues.

Once City staff can confirm a complete application, a <u>public notice</u> will be posted at the physical location and online at <u>www.pullman-wa.gov</u>, signaling the start of a 14-day public comment period. The City will continue to inform the community of opportunities for participation at each stage of the Port's application process. Stay updated on the status of the Port's application and any submitted documents at <u>http://bit.ly/3YPIMrT</u>.

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