

[Transformers: Age of Extinction](#); filming scenes in Grays Harbor **Local News**

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ELMA, Wash. - You just might see some new transformers at the Satsop Business Park next month, but these Transformers® will be fighting for their survival. The unfinished nuclear power plant in Grays Harbor is being used to film portions of the movie "Transformers: Age of Extinction" the fourth installment in the live-action series directed by Michael Bay. Executive Director at the Port of Grays Harbor Gary Nelson confirmed this morning "Paramount pictures has, you know they were going to be filming earlier this summer and they got delayed until late September, early October." While we might see the familiar cooling towers when the movie hits theaters next summer, Nelson said we probably won't recognize the name "In the agreement we had to sign they said they may refer to it as something other than Satsop."



The title and first poster for the new film, starring Mark Wahlberg and rumored to be introducing the dinobots, were released earlier this week. [Listen to the entire interview in our On Demand section](#) The Satsop Business Park, in rural East Grays Harbor offers two unused nuclear towers, acres of natural evergreen forests, a campus like business park and office space for production crew activities. "We've had interest from a few major Hollywood movie studios so we worked to get ahead of the curve and put together a fee structure and policy for filming at the Park," expressed Alissa Thurman, Manager of Business Development at Satsop Business Park.

"Satsop is a unique setting, from the nuclear towers to our surrounding forest, we can provide a variety of locations for filming all in one convenient park setting. "The Park also has office

space available to support production activities such as make-up and cafeteria space and plenty of open area for production vehicles. Ms. Thurman and her team have researched the film industry in the Pacific Northwest, and determined the business fit with the goals to attract new opportunities to the region. With a policy and fee structure in hand the Park is now reaching out to those that might have an interest in utilizing the facility. "Providing filming locations can be a great economic boost for the local economy as the cast and crew utilize local lodging, restaurants and other services," reports Ms. Thurman. "This activity also compliments our business recruitment efforts. Our goal is to attract movie productions to Satsop and potentially interest them in all that Coastal Washington can offer as a film location." Satsop Business Park, a facility of the Port of Grays Harbor, is less than 2 hours southwest of Seattle and 2 hours north of Portland. Located in scenic Grays Harbor County in Elma, Washington the 1,800 acre mixed-use business and industrial park is approximately 30 minutes from Olympia and the I-5 Corridor. A part of the Grays Harbor Innovation Partnership Zone, it is home to more than 30 businesses, offers 600 acres of developed, pad-ready land and buildings supported by super-sized infrastructure, surrounded by 1,200 acres of sustainable managed forestland.