

## **SEPA ADDENDUM**

**Project Number:** RC 1491

### **Purpose of Addendum:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), WAC 197-11-600, contains conditions under which an existing environmental document may be amended or modified. The purpose of this addendum is to provide additional information or analysis that does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives in the existing environmental document (WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum addresses changes in permitting requirements for the project and changes in regulations governing the project.

### **Background:**

- 1. Name of Project:** 36<sup>th</sup>/35<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Roadway Improvement
- 2. Project Location:** Between 164<sup>th</sup> St SW and SR 99, north of the City of Lynnwood; Section 3 Township 27 North Range 4 East, W.M. in unincorporated Snohomish County
- 3. Applicant:** Snohomish County Public Works  
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- 5. Lead Agency:** Snohomish County Public Works
- 6. Type of environmental document originally prepared:** SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS), May 25, 2016; Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents May 25, 2016
- 7. Briefly describe the action originally proposed:** The original proposed action was a joint project between the City of Lynnwood and Snohomish County. The May 2016 DNS provided this description of the overall proposed roadway corridor improvements that would extend from Maple Road to SR 99: "The City of Lynnwood and Snohomish County are proposing to improve two miles of 36<sup>th</sup>/35<sup>th</sup> Avenue West between Maple Road and Highway 99. The project will add a two-way center turn lane, curb and gutters, bike lanes, planter strips, and sidewalks. Pursuant to WAC 197-11-610, the City and County are adopting the completed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form, and related background studies to comply with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). A Memorandum has also been prepared addressing SEPA environmental elements not addressed during the NEPA process. The City and County will undertake separate permitting processes. A Land Disturbing Activity Permit will be one of the permits required from Snohomish County for its section of roadway."
- 8. Give a complete description of changes to the original proposal:**

Since the time of the May 2016 DNS, the City of Lynnwood has constructed its portion of the roadway improvements that extended from Maple Road to 164<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Snohomish County proposes to construct the final portion of the overall roadway corridor as described below:

Snohomish County proposes widening the existing two-lane roadway with a three-lane roadway that includes bike lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalks beginning at the intersection of 164<sup>th</sup> Street SW and extending north to 148<sup>th</sup> Street SW. North of 148<sup>th</sup> Street SW, the existing roadway will receive an overlay extending through the single-lane northbound access to SR 99. A three-lane roadway section with location-specific turn lanes fulfills the County's minimum requirement of Level of

Service E for a minor arterial based upon a traffic study which projected traffic volumes to forecast years 2025 and 2040.

The proposed typical roadway section consists of two vehicular through lanes each 11 feet wide, one 12-foot-wide center two-way left-turn lane, and two 5-foot bike lanes. In addition, a 5-foot planter strip and 5-foot sidewalk will be added on both the east and west sides of the roadway. There are specific locations within the corridor where the planter strip is removed to eliminate the need for acquisition of a narrow strip of right-of-way, to eliminate the need to construct a retaining wall, or to avoid wetlands.

A new enclosed stormwater conveyance system, flow control, and water treatment facilities are proposed to meet stormwater requirements. Stormwater runoff will be conveyed in a pipe and catch basin system. Detention will be provided via two separate stormwater facilities located within the study area. Water quality will be provided by the wet-pond, stormfilter catch basin units, and/or Filterra bioretention system.

New right-of-way acquisitions are required for both the proposed roadway and stormwater facility improvements.

Utility work will include relocation of existing water meters, hydrants, and water and gas valves; relocation of existing utility poles and adjustment of utility features to the grade of the new roadway surface; and addition of fiber interconnect conduit. Electrical utility modifications and additions require excavation to a depth of approximately 3 feet.

**Other changes include:**

(1) Changes in Conceptual Mitigation Plan dated July 26, 2013 and the Critical Area Study dated August 2013 – Updates are fully provided in a 2022 Critical Area Study. A summary of the changes is provided below:

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- (a) Proposed mitigation - In these documents, the mitigation proposed for the wetland and buffer impacts was 7,500 sf of wetland creation in Lake Stickney Park. There are no longer wetland impacts requiring mitigation. The current proposal is to mitigate for buffer impacts at the Snohomish County Little Bear Creek Advance Mitigation Site (LBCAMS).
- (b) Number of wetlands in County's roadway section - The 2013 Critical Area Study (CAS) stated there were six (6) wetlands: A, B, D, E, F and G. A 2022 CAS updates the critical area information, including updated WDOE Rating System (Ecology 2014) and any updates to the Snohomish County Code. Five (5) wetlands were confirmed in the County's section: A, B, E, F, Y and Z. Wetland Y is located at the north end of the project north of 148<sup>th</sup> Street near northbound SR 99. Wetland Z is located on the Alderwood Water District property west of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.
- (c) Wetland buffer sizes – In the 2013 CAS, Wetland A had an 80-foot buffer, Wetlands B and E had 100-foot buffers, and Wetland F had a 50-foot buffer. In the 2022 CAS Addendum, Wetlands A, B, E, F and Z all have 110-foot buffers. Wetland Y has a 40-foot buffer.
- (d) Wetland ratings – in the 2013 CAS, Wetland A had a Category III rating, Wetlands B and E had Category II ratings, and Wetland F had a Category IV rating. In the 2022 CAS, Wetlands A and B ratings remained the same; Wetland E's rating was changed to

Category III; Wetland F's rating changed to a Category III; and Wetland Z's rating was assessed at a Category III.

- (e) Permanent wetland impacts – The 2022 CAS identifies no impacts to wetlands. Wetland impacts have been avoided through avoidance measures. There are no temporary or permanent impacts to wetlands in the current project.
- (f) Permanent wetland buffer impacts – In a preliminary 2013 CAS, impact totals were: Wetland A – 4,462 sf; Wetland B – 387 sf; and Wetland F - 2,317 sf. In the 2022 CAS, these impacts have reduced: Wetland A – 3,385 sf; Wetland F – 1,871 sf. These buffer area impacts increased: Wetland B – 539 sf. The new wetland buffer areas associated with Wetlands Y and Z have no permanent buffer impacts. Roadway design modifications including deletion of planter strips and addition of retaining walls have contributed to the changes.
- (g) Temporary wetland buffer impacts – in the 2013 CAS, these impacts were: Wetland A - 2,413 sf; Wetland B – 384 sf; Wetland E – 0 sf, and Wetland F – 1,020 sf. In the 2022 CAS, these impacts were reduced: Wetland A – 1,598 sf; Wetland B – 302 sf; buffer impact increases occur in Wetland F – 1,839 sf; and Wetlands Y and Z have no temporary impacts.

(3) Amendments to Snohomish County Code (SCC), Title 30, Chapter 30.63A – Drainage

We have reviewed the current SCC regulations; this project will comply with those regulations that remain unchanged from June 2016 when the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance was issued. The project will also comply with ordinances passed since June 2016. These are:

- (a) SCC 30.63A.010 – Purpose and Objectives: Amended ordinance 17-070, November 1, 2017, effective date December 1, 2017.

(4) Amendments to Snohomish County Code (SCC), Title 30, Chapter 30.63B – Land Disturbing Activity

We have reviewed the current SCC regulations; this project will comply with those regulations that remain unchanged from June 2016 when the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance was issued. The project will also comply with ordinances passed since June 2016. These are:

- (a) SCC 30.63B.010 – Purpose and Objectives: Amended ordinance 17-070, November 1, 2017, effective date December 1, 2017.
- (b) SCC 30.63B.200 - Land Disturbing Activities and Projects Requiring Engineered Construction Plans: Amended ordinance 17-070, November 1, 2017, effective date December 1, 2017; and Amended ordinance 18-106, January 16, 2019, effective date January 27, 2019.

- 9. Permits/Government Approvals:** The proposed project discussed in the preliminary 2013 CAS triggered the requirement for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit for direct and permanent wetland impacts. The current proposed project described in the 2022 CAS update proposes no impacts to wetlands, therefore, an Army Corps permit and Washington Department of Ecology Section 401 Water Quality Certification are not required. The 2022 CAS update further concludes that there will be no impact to Box Spring Creek, which originates to the east of the 35<sup>th</sup> Ave West roadway, so an HPA will not be required based on agency coordination with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The following permits, approvals, and documentation are required:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Permit/Approval:</b>	<b>Required from:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drainage & Land Disturbing Activity Permit	Snohomish County – Public Works
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Critical Area Regulations Certification	Snohomish County – Public Works
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit	Washington State Department of Ecology

The above project information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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