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## **Snohomish County Public Works Determination of Nonsignificance**

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**Date Issued: December 30, 2009**

The issuance of this Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of the subject proposal. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

**File Name:**

**Machias Cutoff and Williams Road Intersection Improvement (RC 1561)**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

Snohomish County Public Works proposes to construct intersection improvements at the intersection of Machias Cutoff and Williams Road. The purpose of the project is to improve roadway safety. The project would provide a left-turn lane for westbound vehicles traveling on Machias Cut-Off that turn left onto Williams Road, and would also improve stopping sight distance at the intersection.

The roadway improvements would include providing a 12-foot wide westbound left-turn lane on Machias Cutoff for vehicles turning left onto Williams Road and widening shoulders on Machias Cutoff. The shoulder widening improvements would provide 4-foot wide shoulders that would extend approximately 300 feet west from the intersection and 400 feet east from the intersection.

Sight distance would be improved for vehicles turning left from Machias Cutoff onto Williams Road and for vehicles turning left from Williams Road onto Machias Cutoff. Property acquisition would be required to accommodate future long-term vegetation maintenance, including annual brush cutting, in the roadway right-of-way that would provide the improved sight distance. Retaining walls would be constructed on the north side and south side of Machias Cutoff and would reduce the area required for soil excavation and fill embankment slopes.

Existing drainage patterns in the project area would remain the same. The proposed project design would include installing stormwater runoff quality treatment facilities. A location would be identified in the final design phase of the project. Roadway cross-culverts on Machias Cutoff may also require lengthening to accommodate the roadway design improvements.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:**

The project site is located in southwestern unincorporated Snohomish County southeast of Lake Stevens. The project limits on Machias Cutoff extend east and west of its intersection with Williams Road. The project is located within Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 6 East, W.M.

**PROPONENT & LEAD AGENCY:** Snohomish County

**DEPARTMENT:** Snohomish County Department of Public Works  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 607  
Everett, WA 98201

**THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:**

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review by Snohomish County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available for public review upon request. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance (stated on page one of this document).

**Written comments may be submitted to the lead agency, to the attention of Crilly R. Ritz, at the above address. Comments must be received by January 13, 2010.**

**APPEALS:**

This DNS along with the subsequent decision by the County to pursue or not pursue the described action may be appealed in the Superior Court of Snohomish County, at Everett, Washington. This DNS may be appealed only when such appeal is combined with the appeal of the underlying action pursuant to SCC 30.61.300. A Notice of Action describing the final decision to approve the underlying action by the County will be published in the County's paper of record for two consecutive weeks. Any appeal must be filed, along with a filing fee, with the Clerk of the Snohomish County Superior Court, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201-4046; phone: (425) 388-3466, within 21 days following the last week of publication in the paper, or as otherwise stated in the Notice of Action or provided by law.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Steven E. Thomsen  
**POSITION/TITLE:** Public Works Director

**SIGNATURE:**  **DATE:** December 30, 2009

For further information contact: Crilly R. Ritz, Snohomish County Department of Public Works, 425-388-3488 extension 4586 or via e-mail at [crilly.ritz@snoco.org](mailto:crilly.ritz@snoco.org).

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