

Determination of NONSIGNIFICANCE

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PROJECT:

2016 - 2021 Clark County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Publish Date: **October 19, 2015**

Please find enclosed an environmental Determination of Non Significance (DNS) issued pursuant to State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules (Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code). The enclosed review comments reflect evaluation of the environmental checklist by the lead agency as required by WAS 197-11-330(1)(a)(i).

Written comments may be submitted on this determination within fifteen (15) days of its issuance, after which the DNS will be reconsidered in light of the comments received.

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal:

The County is proposing to adopt an update to its Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 2016 through 2021, as a non-project SEPA review. Clark County Department of Public Works proposes to update its existing Transportation Improvement Program, as required by law (RCW 36.81.121 and WAC 136.16.010), to reflect changes in the overall program. Project specific environmental impacts shall be evaluated during individual project design processes.

Proponent: **Clark County Department of Public Works**

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

Clark County, Washington

Lead Agency: **Department of Public Works, Clark County, Washington**

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 of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below.

Comments must be submitted by: **November 3, 2015**

Responsible Official: **Heath Henderson, P.E.**
Position/Title **Clark County Department of Public Works
Public Works Director/County Engineer**

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Date: 10/8/2015

Signature: 

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2016-2021 Clark County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

2. Name of applicant:

Clark County Department of Public Works

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Clark County Department of Public Works
1300 Franklin Street
PO Box 9810
Vancouver, WA 98666-9810
Attn: Susan Wilson, (360) 397-6118, ext. 4330.

4. Date checklist prepared:

October 5, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Clark County Public Works

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Adoption of the TIP will occur on November 10th, 2015, as mandated by State Law.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes, the TIP is reviewed and updated annually. An annual element will be adopted separately and monitored throughout each year. Any project phases which are not completed in the current year, and which have received funding, may be carried-over to the next TIP annual element.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Projects currently in design or under construction have environmental documentation on file or in progress. Projects not yet underway will undergo complete environmental review during the design process.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No known governmental approvals are pending that would affect the TIP.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

The proposed TIP requires annual adoption by the Clark County Board of County Councilors.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The program identifies transportation improvement project phases to be completed during the next six-year period within unincorporated Clark County. The purpose of this program is to prepare a comprehensive transportation improvement work schedule that addresses citizen needs and financial constraints while taking into account environmental concerns.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The program identifies the location of transportation improvement projects to be designed and constructed over the following six years within the unincorporated area of Clark County.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site: flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

The county is generally characterized by flat to rolling terrain with potentially steep slopes along waterways and in mountainous areas. Projects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Not Applicable.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Soil types vary throughout the county. Soil conditions for each project are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There are mapped areas of potential instability due to underlying geologic conditions and physical characteristics associated with steep slopes along various waterways. Detailed designs for new projects will include appropriate measures to ensure stability.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Specific projects will address the source and location of necessary filling or grading and appropriate permits will be secured before construction begins.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion could occur as a result of clearing or construction of specific projects. Proper erosion control measures will be identified and implemented during project design and construction phases. These measures will be addressed through environmental review of specific projects.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Approximately 75% of county right-of-way, designated for new or improved roads, will be covered with impervious surfaces.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Detailed design plans will be submitted when specific road segments are proposed, including drainage and erosion control plans.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Fugitive emissions could result from future construction and completion of proposed road improvements. Auto emissions in the County could be minimized through increased use of non-motorized transportation encouraged by many projects in this program.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Specific projects will have to meet federal, state, and regional air quality standards before completion of design phase. During and after construction, fugitive emissions, primarily particulate matter, must be minimized in order to prevent a health hazard and/or nuisance situation to neighbors and/or motorists on adjacent roadways. Best Available Control Technology must be used to control particulate emissions in all areas and roads where there is construction, material transport, or where operating equipment. The use of a dust suppressant or watering of traveled areas and covering materials being transported on a routine basis should be sufficient to keep particulate emissions to a minimum at all times during construction.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

Several projects are adjacent to perennial or seasonal streams and wetlands. Project level SEPA analysis will be performed at time of project design, and appropriate permitting and mitigation will be identified at that time.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

Final design of specific projects will be subject to mitigation measures through project specific SEPA, Shoreline, interdepartmental review and various other regulations, where applicable.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

Specific projects will address the source and location of any necessary filling or dredging and appropriate permits will be secured before construction begins.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Individual construction projects could require surface water diversions and/or culverting. Detailed engineering plans will be prepared at the time of site specific design.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

Clark County has many acres which lie within 100-year floodplains. Detailed locations will be identified when specific projects are designed. Most projects will not involve structures or fill that would cause impacts to floodplains. However, where project development would cause impacts, all federal, state, and local floodplain provisions will be met.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

Stormwater runoff (described below) is the only discharge to surface waters.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

Not applicable.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Surface water runoff will be generated from impervious roadway surfaces. Improvement projects will meet federal, state, and local standards for storm water collection and treatment as applicable.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

Not as a result of this action.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

Clark County is required by federal, state and local codes to capture, treat, and detain stormwater from new impervious surfaces. Some projects may result in an alteration of drainage patterns as a result of new storm sewers and stormwater facilities. Detailed engineering plans will be prepared at the time of site specific design.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Future construction of projects will include measures to avoid waste materials from the road surface (i.e. oils, anti-freeze, sediments) entering ground or surface waters. These materials shall be identified and addressed during the review of specific projects.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

In Clark County, there are several plant species that are federally listed as either threatened or endangered:

- Golden paintbrush
- Bradshaw's lomatium
- Water howellia

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Mitigation measures will be addressed when specific projects are proposed, with special consideration given to the enhancement of the natural shoreline ecosystem, wetlands, archeological protection and wildlife enhancement. State and Federal agencies will be consulted to identify and protect threatened and/or endangered species.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, and other local birds

mammals: deer, beaver, coyote, opossum, weasel, raccoon, otter, rabbits, squirrel, and other small mammals and domestic farm animals

fish: lamprey, sturgeon, salmon, steelhead, trout, smelt, minnows, carps, suckers, catfish, sandroller, sunfish, perch, sculpin

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

There are several federally threatened or endangered species that may be found in Clark County:

- Gray Wolf
- Columbian White-Tailed Deer
- Northern Spotted Owl
- Marbled Murrelet
- Streaked Horned Lark
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Oregon Spotted Frog
- Chinook Salmon
- Chum Salmon
- Steelhead
- Coho Salmon
- Pacific Eulachon
- Bull Trout

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The Columbia River corridor is part of the migration route for salmon, Canada geese and other waterfowl. Also, the Lewis and Washougal Rivers have migrating salmon, steelhead, and coho.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Wildlife mitigation measures will be addressed when specific road segments are proposed for development.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

No energy resources will be used as a result of the proposed action. Future construction of roads and transportation improvement projects will require energy resources.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

No specific energy conservation features are included in this proposal. Specific projects should address any appropriate or applicable conservation measures in their environmental review.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

Not applicable.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design. Clark County will identify utilities within proposed work areas and coordinate with utility companies on construction impacts.

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

During construction of specific projects, herbicides, diesel fuel, and other petroleum products may be used.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not applicable.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Measures will be implemented during construction in order to protect land and water resources. Project specific plans will include requirements for spill prevention, preparedness, and response to prevent hazardous substances from discharging from the project site. If pre-existing contaminated media or solid waste is found during construction, the contaminated media and/or solid waste will be characterized and disposed of in a licensed hazardous disposal facility.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

None applicable.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Future construction of projects will result in construction noise (equipment operation) during normal working hours. Once construction is complete, traffic noise is possible at any time.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Project impacts will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Mitigation measures will comply with established federal standards where applicable.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

Projects vary in land-use throughout the County. Final design of specific projects will be subject to mitigation measures through future SEPA, Shoreline, interdepartmental review, and various other regulations, where applicable.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

The implementation of individual projects under the county's Transportation Improvement Program would only potentially result in very minor conversions of agricultural and forest land of long-term commercial significance. The TIP serves as the capital facilities financial plan for transportation infrastructure as a component of the county's comprehensive plan. Any major conversions of agricultural or forest land would be analyzed as part of comprehensive plan updates. Individual transportation projects in unincorporated Clark County will primarily be constructed within county-owned right-of-way. However, there is a very minor potential for road projects that may require acquiring new right-of-way that could occur within agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance. A majority of the larger transportation projects are planned within the urban and urbanizing portions of unincorporated Clark County, so the potential for road projects that may impact agricultural or forest lands of long-term significance is very minimal.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:**

Future transportation projects are not likely to be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land business operations. Project-specific analysis should provide an opportunity to ensure that transportation projects meet the needs of these land uses.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

Not applicable.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

Not applicable.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Zoning classifications will vary for specific projects. Final design of specific projects will be subject to mitigation measures through project specific SEPA, shoreline, interdepartmental review and various other regulations, where applicable.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

Comprehensive plan designation will vary for specific projects. Final design of specific projects will be subject to mitigation measures through project specific SEPA, shoreline, interdepartmental review and various other regulations, where applicable.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Shoreline master program designation will vary for specific projects. Final design of specific projects will be subject to mitigation measures through project specific SEPA, shoreline, interdepartmental review and various other regulations, where applicable.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

There are potential wetlands, floodplains, priority habitat, potentially unstable slope areas, state shoreline areas, and public wellhead protection areas as identified in the Clark County Resource Maps and by Chapter 40 of the Clark County Code.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Not applicable.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Some right-of-way acquisition is anticipated, which may involve relocating current residents.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

All available and reasonable alternatives will be used to minimize relocations during completion of the projects contained herein.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The TIP is developed based on existing and anticipated transportation needs of Clark County. It is also consistent with the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, 20-year Capital Facilities Plan, and the Arterial Atlas. Part of the criteria for review by the Clark County Board of County Councilors is to evaluate the proposal in terms of its compatibility with existing and projected land uses.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

As mentioned above, the TIP and capital facilities program for transportation infrastructure are analyzed in conjunction with the County's Comprehensive Plan amendments. The process of adopting comprehensive plan amendments provides an opportunity to ensure that future transportation projects are compatible with nearby agriculture and forest lands of long-term commercial significance. In addition, project-specific analysis will ensure that transportation infrastructure is designed to meet the needs of adjacent agricultural and forest land uses.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Some right-of-way acquisition is anticipated, which may involve relocating current residents. All available and reasonable alternatives will be used to minimize relocations during completion of the projects contained herein.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Every reasonable effort will be made to avoid impacts to existing or future residences. Specific measures will be addressed as part of the environmental review of individual projects.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Completed construction of road projects could result in light or glare produced by automobile headlights during non-daylight hours.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

It is possible that lights from vehicles using completed road projects could interfere with views or create a safety hazard during non-daylight hours. These potential hazards will be addressed as part of the environmental review of individual projects.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Not applicable.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Lighting impacts will be addressed at the time of site-specific planning.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Clark County has a variety of county, city, state, and federal recreational opportunities including sports facilities, neighborhood, community and regional parks, open space, and wildlife habitat areas. Some of these recreational opportunities are formally designated, while others are informally used without designation or authorization.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Some projects do require minimal right-of-way from adjacent parks. Several of the proposed projects will actually enhance the transportation system for recreational uses by providing bicycling/walking facilities along roads and trails.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Every reasonable effort will be made to avoid impacts to existing recreational facilities. Specific measures will be addressed as part of the environmental review of individual projects.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

The Cultural Resources Inventory of Clark County identifies numerous archaeological sites associated with Native American activity countywide. More than 70 historic structures, sites, objects, and vessels, as well as one historic district and one national landmark are located in Clark County. Historic preservation officials emphasize that comprehensive field investigations have not been conducted and that artifacts and historic resources are probably not confined to those identified sites. Individual project evaluation will be done.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Assessment of impacts will be conducted by trained professionals. Archaeological and cultural resource monitoring, documentation and resulting reports will be designed to satisfy federal, state and local regulations, as necessary.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Preservation officials have emphasized the need for cultural resource evaluations and inventories performed on sites, which have a greater potential for historic significance. Such surveys will be performed, as appropriate, with avoidance and/or mitigation measures to be identified and implemented on a site-specific basis.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

Each project is listed in the attached program.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

Clark County is served by C-TRAN with fixed route and demand transit service.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**

Parking may be eliminated or created as part of completing the projects contained in this program.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

This program identifies transportation improvement project phases to be completed in the next six years. The purpose of this program is to prepare a comprehensive transportation improvement work schedule for the next six years. Some of the projects in this program are improvements to existing facilities, while others are new road projects.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Road projects within the TIP are intended to accommodate traffic from existing development and planned land uses throughout the County.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

Project specific analysis will be done at time of design.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

The TIP is developed to improve the County's overall transportation system. Measures such as Transportation System Management (TSM) and transit opportunities will be addressed as part of the environmental review of individual projects.

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

When constructed, new public roads and transportation system improvements are added to the County's road maintenance schedules.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

Measures to reduce impacts to public services will be addressed at the project level.

16. Utilities

- a. List utilities currently available at the site:**

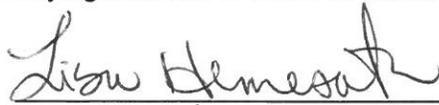
Electricity, natural gas, water, telephone, sanitary sewer, cable television, fiber optic lines, and septic systems are common utilities found along transportation routes.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

Coordinating road improvements with utility system expansion will be addressed as specific projects are designed.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 
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Position and Agency/Organization Env. Permitting Coordinator
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D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Once new roads are constructed, vehicular traffic may result in automobile emissions to the air, polluted water runoff discharged into surface water, and increased noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Projects contain improvements to the non-vehicular system, which may improve air quality by encouraging non-vehicular travel.

Surface water runoff will be generated from impervious roadway surfaces. Improvement projects will meet federal, state, and local standards for storm water collection and treatment as applicable.

Noise walls or berms are constructed when applicable in accordance to State standards.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Existing vegetation will be removed at the time of construction of individual projects.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Every attempt will be made to avoid displacement of unnecessary numbers of plants and animals.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposal is not expected to deplete energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

County policy to provide a multi-modal transportation system includes provisions for non-motorized travel, which may reduce consumption of petroleum resources.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Projects may pass through or be adjacent to areas designated as environmentally sensitive. Specific mitigation of these impacts will be addressed as part of specific project designs and will follow all federal, state and local regulations.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Further analysis of the possible impacts and measures to reduce impacts will be addressed as part of the environmental review of individual projects.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The TIP does not encourage land or shoreline uses which are incompatible with existing plans. Road projects and transportation improvements are intended to accommodate traffic from the planned land uses as identified in the Clark County Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Not applicable.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Additional lane miles and road surface area will require additional long-term maintenance needs. Other public utilities may need to relocate existing infrastructure to accommodate road improvements.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s):

Additional maintenance costs are anticipated within the financial constraints of the program. Specific projects are designed to minimize long-term maintenance costs and to minimize impacts on other utilities.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No conflicts identified at this time.

REFERENCES

Clark County. May 4, 2007. Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan for Clark County.

Revised Code of Washington 36.81.121. Perpetual advanced six-year plans for coordinated transportation program, expenditures — Non-motorized transportation — Railroad right-of-way.

Washington Administrative Code 136.16.010. Standard of good practice — annual road program, construction report, and construction by county forces. Purpose and Authority.

2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Hearing: November 10, 2015

TIP Projects

Project

NE 10th Avenue
NE 119th Street
NE 94th Avenue
VAST: Orchards TSO
Miscellaneous Projects
NE 119th Street
NE Highway 99
NE 10th Avenue
NE 99th Street
NE 179th Street
NE 119th Street
NE 15th Avenue
NE Salmon Creek Avenue
NE 72nd Avenue

Project Limits

NE 154th Street - NE 164th Street
NE 72nd Avenue to NE 87th Avenue
NE Padden Parkway - NE 99th Street
NE 55th Avenue - NE Ward Road
Various Locations
NE 50th Avenue to NE 72nd Avenue
NE 99th Street - NE 119th Street
NE 149th Street to NE 154th Street
NE 94th Avenue - NE 117th Avenue (SR-503)
NE Delfel Road - NE 15th Avenue
NE 87th Avenue - NE 112th Avenue
NE 179th Street - NE 10th Avenue
WSUV Entrance - West of NE 50th Avenue
NE 122nd Street - NE 133rd Street

Carry Over

NE 47th Avenue

at NE 78th Street Intersection

Ongoing Programs

Advanced Right-of-Way Program
Bridge Repair/Rehab Improvement Program
Road Preservation Program
Rural Road Improvement Program
Sidewalks and ADA Compliance Program
Transportation Safety Improvement Program
Urban Development Road Program