

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of current proposal:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) plans to widen the State Route (SR) 167 roadway to construct a new southbound high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane from the vicinity of 8th Street E (MP 10.2) in Pierce County, Washington to the vicinity of S 277th Street in Auburn (MP 18.24), King County, Washington. This new HOT lane will be a continuation of a southbound HOT lane that was constructed for the HOT Lane Pilot Project, which extends from the I-405 interchange in Renton to S 277th Street in Kent.

The construction of the HOT lane will also include:

- A noise wall between 6th Avenue N in Algona and 5th Avenue S in Pacific.
- Widening the southbound bridge over SR 18.
- Ramp meters and new signals will be installed within the project area. Ramp meters will be installed at the following southbound on-ramps: Southbound on from 15th St SW, Southbound on from Ellingson Rd, Southbound on from 8th St E. Traffic Signals will be installed at the following intersections: 8th St E/SR 167 SB Ramp, and Ellingson Rd/SR 167 SB Ramp.
- Stormwater site at the northwest quadrant of the SR 167 / SR 18 interchange area.
- Retrofitting two culverts under SR 167 to provide fish passage.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Transportation

Location of current proposal:

The location of the proposal is on SR 167. The project extends from S 277th Street in the City of Auburn to 8th Street E in Pierce County. The proposed project occurs within King and Pierce counties and the cities of Kent (southern boundary), Auburn, Pacific and Algona.

The document is available to be read at (place/time):

The SEPA Checklist and supporting discipline studies can be found at WSDOT's Urban Corridor Office by contacting Mike Sallis at (206) 464-1230, or e-mail: sallim@wsdot.wa.gov.

The documents can be read at the following location from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm:

Urban Corridors Office
401 2nd Avenue South, Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98104

Copies are also available for review at the following locations: Sumner, Pacific, Algona, Auburn, Kent, and Edgewood City Halls.

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.

This Determination of Non-Significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on the proposal for 14 days from the date below.

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

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