

CITY OF BOTHELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

State Environmental Policy Act DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE *SR 522 Stage 3 Improvements*

Description of proposal:

The SR 522 Stage 3 project is the final stage in the City of Bothell's SR 522 corridor improvements. The project will provide road and safety improvements, access management, and business access and transit (BAT) lanes along an approximately 4,000 feet segment of SR 522. The SR 522 Stage 3 project is intended to improve transit speed and reliability which would support the vision of downtown Bothell as a transit-friendly urban core. SR 522 serves commuter, transit and freight connections which all support the regional growth centers along this corridor.

The State Environmental Policy Act requires a threshold determination of environmental impact be issued assessing the probable significant adverse environmental impacts of this proposal. Any questions regarding the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) processing of this application (environmental review) should be directed to Jeff Smith, Senior Planner in the Bothell Department of Community Development (425) 806-6407.

Proponent: City of Bothell
18415 101st Avenue NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Location: The project is located in the City of Bothell on SR 522/Bothell Way, from approximately 800 linear feet west of 96th Avenue NE (Wayne Curve) to 83rd Place NE (the new western city limit). It lies within Section 11, Township 26 North, Range 04 East and 05 East. The total project length is approximately 4,000 linear feet.

Case Number: SEP2015-07421

Lead Agency: City of Bothell

Mitigating Measures: The City of Bothell codes governing traffic impacts, critical areas protection, aesthetic impacts, land use, performance standards, construction and improvement of City streets, drainage control and building codes will provide for substantial mitigation of impacts identified in the environmental checklist. The City of Bothell will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

Environmental Impact: The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that a threshold determination of environmental impact be issued assessing the probable significant adverse environmental impacts of this proposal.

This segment will complete a missing link of Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane improvements. Transit speed and reliability will be improved with the installation of BAT lanes where none currently exist. BAT and/or queue jump lanes have been completed on either end of this project segment during earlier phases of the SR 522 Multi-Modal Corridor improvements. Without completing this missing link, transit buses must merge into and out of general purpose lanes in both directions. This results in delay and conflicts, not only for transit, but for general purpose traffic and freight. To facilitate better traffic flow through this area, the City of Bothell is proposing to complete the last phase of corridor improvements.

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 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.

Responsible Official: Gary Hasseler, Planning Manager
Position/title: Director of the Department of Community Development
Address: 18415 101st Avenue NE, Bothell, WA 98011
Phone: 425-806-6400
Issue Date: April 28, 2016

Signature: _____


Authorized Signature

Appeal: You may appeal this determination by filing or stating specific statements of reason for the appeal with the Responsible Official at the address above. **Appeals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2016.** Public hearings of such appeals will be scheduled upon analysis of the filed appeal. Notice of the time and date of such hearing will be issued separately and within 30 days of the date of the hearing, when such date is established.

You should be prepared to make specific, factual objections. SEPA appeals must be submitted precisely as outlined and detailed in BMC Title 14.02 and BMC Title 11. Contact Jeff Smith, Senior Planner at the Department of Community Development to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

The issuance of this DNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of the subject proposal as presented. It only assesses the degree of environmental impact and any mitigation required to reduce that impact below a level of significance. The City of Bothell, in its review for consistency with the requirements of adopted land use codes, reserves the right to approve, deny or condition the proposal pursuant to code.

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SOURCE: NAIP 2013, ESA 2015, OSM 2014

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Figure 1
Vicinity Map