

Attachment 2

Public Notices

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) have issued, or will issue, the following:

- Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Opportunity for Environmental Hearing,
- Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Notice of Adoption of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI under SEPA, and
- SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS).

Copies of these notices are provided in this attachment.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING

Purpose of Notice

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will issue an Environmental Assessment (EA) on May 31, 2006 for the SR 518 SeaTac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange project that constructs a new third eastbound lane. The purpose of this notice is to provide for the exchange of information regarding the effect of the proposal on the community. This purpose is in accordance with and pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Highway Act (Title 23 U.S.C., 101 et. seq.) and amendments. It is also in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21c), State Environmental Policy Act Rules (WAC 197-11) and the Transportation Commission and Department Environmental Policy Act Rules (WAC 468-12).

Description of Proposed Project

The proposed project adds one new eastbound general-purpose lane between the SR 518 North Airport Expressway Interchange and the I-5/I-405 Interchange. The North Airport Expressway on-ramp will be widened to two lanes that narrow into a single lane at SR 518. The single lane would become the third eastbound lane. The SR 99 on-ramp would also be widened to two lanes, but would be reduced to a single lane before merging with SR 518. To allow the third lane to be built, the eastbound SR 518 Bridge over 42nd Avenue South will be widened; a combination of noise barriers, retaining walls, cuts slopes, and drains will be constructed; and stormwater facilities will be built to provide water quality treatment, conveyance and detention. Construction on the Project begins in 2007 and the improved roadway opens to traffic in 2009.

The Washington State Legislature, in its 2005 session, passed the Transportation Partnership Act (TPA). The TPA allocated \$20 million for the SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project. The Federal Government contributed an additional \$4.8 million, with the Port of Seattle contributing up to an additional \$8.4 million.

Comment Submittal

The EA is available for public review, and comments will be accepted until June 31, 2006. The project administrators will consider all written comments received. Project questions and comments should be submitted in writing to the SR 518 Project Engineer, Paul E. Johnson, PE at the following addresses, telephone numbers, or e-mail addresses: 6431 Corson Ave S.; NB 82-61; Seattle, WA 98108-3445; Telephone: 206.768.5680; Email: JohnsPA@wsdot.wa.gov

Project information may be reviewed or copied at the SR 518 Project office. Copies of the documents are available at the above location for \$20, which does not exceed reproduction and distribution cost. The EA is also available for review at libraries, City Halls, and other community facilities in Tukwila and SeaTac. The EA document without appendices can be viewed on-line at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR518/Publications.htm>

Your involvement throughout this project is important. It ensures that problems and concerns regarding alternatives and foreseeable impacts to the environment are identified and incorporated into the environmental and design processes. For that reason, if you would like a public hearing on this project, please contact Paul E. Johnson (SR 518 Project Engineer) at 206-768-5680.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation may request written materials in alternative formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodation by calling David T. Williams collect at (206) 464-1235 or 1-800-833-6388 (Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service) and ask to be connected to (206) 515-3683.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Washington State Department of Transportation's assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin and sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its federally funded programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). For Title VI complaint forms and advice, please contact OEO's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7098.



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) and
Notice of Adoption of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI under SEPA**

This notice is published to notify interested citizens and others that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has signed on March 12, 2007, and issued a determination of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on March 20, 2007.

This finding is based upon the evaluation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) as issued on May 31, 2006, and thoughtful consideration of public and agency comments during the comment period from May 31, 2006 through June 30th, 2006 for the SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project in the cities of Tukwila and SeaTac WA.

This notice also advises interested citizens and others that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has adopted the NEPA EA and FONSI under State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules.

The project constructs a new third eastbound lane on SR 518 between the North Airport Expressway and the I-5/I-405 Interchange. Other features include an improved on-ramp and off-ramp connections, new retaining walls, noise barriers, and stormwater management. This project would improve existing mobility and safety, and accommodate projected airport traffic.

Copies of the FONSI and the SEPA adoption notice are available from: Paul E. Johnson, Project Engineer; WSDOT, Project Design Office; 6431 Corson Avenue S, NB 82-61; Seattle, WA 98108-3445.

They can be read at the following locations from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.:

SR 518 Project office
WSDOT-Urban Corridors Office
Second Floor
6431 Corson Avenue S, NB 82-61
Seattle, WA 98108-3445

Environmental Services
WSDOT-Urban Corridors Office
401 2nd Avenue South
Suite 560, TB 85-95
Seattle, WA 98104

Copies are also available for review at the following locations: Burien City Hall, Burien Library, Burien community Center, SeaTac City Hall, SeaTac Valley View Library, Tukwila City Hall, Tukwila Foster Library, and Tukwila Community/Senior Center.

If you require reasonable accommodation or would like copies of these documents in an alternative format – large print, Braille, cassette tape, or on computer disk, please call Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service TTY 1-800-833-6388, Tele-Braille 1-800-833-6385, Voice 1-800-833-6384, and ask to be connected to (360) 705-7097.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of the department to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Persons wishing information may call the WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity at (360) 705-7098.

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Washington State Department of Transportation

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of current proposal:

The SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project will construct a new third eastbound lane on SR 518 between the North Airport Expressway and the I-5/I-405 Interchange. Other features include an improved on-ramp and off-ramp connections, new retaining walls, noise barriers, and stormwater management. This project will improve existing mobility and safety, and accommodate projected airport traffic.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Transportation

Location of current proposal:

In the cities of Tukwila and SeaTac, on State Route 518 between the SR518/SR 99 and I-5/I-405 Interchanges.

The document is available to be read at:

Washington State Department of Transportation
Urban Corridors Office
Second Floor
6431 Corson Avenue S
Seattle, WA 98108-3445
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Copies are also available for review at the following locations: Burien City Hall, Burien Library, Burien community Center, SeaTac City Hall, SeaTac Valley View Library, Tukwila City Hall, Tukwila Foster Library, and Tukwila Community/Senior Center.

The document is also available electronically at
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR518/SeaTac_I5_I405/

- 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. Please note that our checklist documents are titled SR 518 North Airport Expressway/SR 99 Interchange to I-5/I-405 Interchange Environmental Assessment (WSDOT/FHWA, May 2006) and SR 518 North Airport Expressway/SR 99 Interchange to I-5/I-405 Interchange Finding of No Significant Impact (FHWA, March 2007).

This DNS 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 April 3rd, 2007.

Contact person, if other than responsible official: David T. Williams **Phone:** 206-464-1235
Email: Willidit@wsdot.wa.gov

Responsible official: Allison Ray
Position/title: UCO - Environmental Services Deputy Director **Phone:** 206-716-1136
Address: 401 Second Ave. South, Suite 400, TB85-95
Seattle, WA 98104

Date 3/20/07 **Signature** 