

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
AND  
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**Description of current proposal**

The Washington State Department of Transportation and Clark County issued a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) for the Salmon Creek Interchange Project which would expand the interchange at NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street and construct a new arterial and interchange at NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street to create an interchange complex. The project is proposed to be built in two phases based on the availability of funding. Both phases are evaluated in the EA. Phase I improvements have been identified as the most crucial for improving safety and mobility in the Salmon Creek Project area. These improvements include constructing a new interchange and bridge crossing at I-5 and NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street to connect NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue with NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue with new on and off ramps, relocating the northbound I-5 on-ramp entrance from 134<sup>th</sup> Street to 139<sup>th</sup> Street, constructing a new lane on I-5 northbound between NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street, relocating the C-Tran Park-and-Ride lot from NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street to a new location near the corner of NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, adding an exit-only lane to NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street from I-205 NB resulting in a two-lane off-ramp, realigning northbound I-205 to the west at NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street to accommodate vertical clearance requirements with the proposed new NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street, widening the intersection of NE 20<sup>th</sup> Ave and NE 139<sup>th</sup> St, widening NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue from NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 141<sup>st</sup> Street and constructing a round-a-bout at the intersection of NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 136<sup>th</sup> Street. The project also realigns NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street and NE Tenney Road.

Phase II improvements include constructing a new southbound on-ramp from NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street at NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to I-205 southbound, replacing the existing I-205 southbound on-ramp with a new on-ramp from northbound NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to southbound I-205, widening NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street from NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and minor improvements to the intersection of NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Construction of Phase I improvements is expected to begin in 2010 and end in 2013.

**Proponent**

Washington State Department of Transportation and Clark County Department of Public Works

**Location of current proposal**

In unincorporated Clark County, WA, on I-5 between NE 129<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street, on I-205 between the NB off-ramp to NE 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the I-5 merge, and along NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street and intersecting roadways.

**Name of Agency Adopting document:**

Washington State Department of Transportation and Clark County

**Title and description of document being adopted:**

*Salmon Creek Interchange Project Environmental Assessment, November 2009 and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), March 2010.* The Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI contain the results of environmental analyses to identify potential impacts of the project and the No Build Alternative, and the document is used to convey the project information to the public and project decision-makers so well informed decisions can be made. This EA and FONSI were prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**Document Availability**

The NEPA EA, supporting discipline studies, FONSI, and DNS can be found on the project website at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ne134thi205/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ne134thi205/).

The documents can be read at the below location from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact Leon Winger, Vancouver Area Engineer, at 360-905-1500 or [swVanc@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:swVanc@wsdot.wa.gov) to schedule a time to review.

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Copies of the EA, FONSI and DNS are also available for reading at the Three Creeks Community Library.

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 the adopted documentation referenced above. This information is available to the public on request.

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 of issuance on April 1, 2010.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision-maker.

**Comments must be submitted by April 15, 2010**

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