

**Attachment 2. Notice of Availability of FONSI
and SEPA Determination of
Nonsignificance**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT,
SR 99 S. HOLGATE STREET TO S. KING STREET
VIADUCT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will issue the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on February 25, 2009, for the SR 99 S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Viaduct Replacement Project.

This finding is based on the evaluation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) as issued by the FHWA and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on June 27, 2008, and on public and agency input during the public comment period from June 27 through August 11, 2008. The public comment period included public hearings on July 10 and 15, 2008.

Description of Proposed Project:

The purpose of the project is to replace the seismically vulnerable SR 99 mainline with a seismically sound facility between approximately S. Holgate Street and S. King Street. The new SR 99 facility would maintain or improve access to, from, and across SR 99 for general purpose vehicles, transit, and freight. The project is located in the south downtown (SODO) area of Seattle, King County. The project proposes to replace the existing viaduct between South Holgate Street and South King Street with a safer facility that meets current seismic and roadway design standards. These improvements would replace approximately 40 percent of the existing viaduct structure.

The four main components of the project include:

- New grade-separated access for freight and general purpose traffic between the Seattle International Gateway Railyard, SR 519, Port of Seattle and the stadiums.
- Improvements to Colorado Avenue South.
- New Alaskan Way South frontage road that would provide access between Alaskan Way South at South King Street and South Atlantic Street.
- Reconfigured intersections where South Atlantic Street meets Alaskan Way South, the new U-shaped undercrossing, Colorado Avenue South, the new Alaskan Way South frontage road, and First Avenue South.

Where Can I View the EA and the FONSI?

Both the EA and the FONSI can be accessed online at www.alaskanwayviaduct.org. Hard copies of the EA and the FONSI can be purchased for a cost of \$25 for each document, which does not exceed the cost of printing. CD-ROMs are available free of charge.

Both documents may also be reviewed at the following location: SR 99 Holgate to King project office, WSDOT-Urban Corridors Office, 999 Third Ave., Ste. 2424, Seattle, WA 98104. Copies are also available for review through the Seattle Public Library as well as the Downtown Seattle Neighborhood Service Center and the Greater Duwamish Neighborhood Service Center.

Who Can I Contact with Questions?

Please contact Angela Freudenstein at the Project Office, 999 Third Ave., Ste. 2424, Seattle, WA 98104, or at 206-382-5230 if you have any questions.

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

Description of proposal:

The SR 99 South Holgate Street to South King Street Viaduct Replacement Project proposes to replace the existing viaduct between South Holgate Street and South King Street with a safer facility that meets current seismic and roadway design standards. These improvements would replace approximately 40 percent of the existing viaduct structure.

The four main components of the project include:

- New grade-separated access for freight and general purpose traffic between the Seattle International Gateway Railyard, SR 519, Port of Seattle and the stadiums.
- Improvements to Colorado Avenue South.
- New north and southbound frontage roads that would provide access between Alaskan Way South and East Marginal Way South.
- Reconfigured intersections where South Atlantic Street meets Alaskan Way South, the new U-shaped undercrossing, Colorado Avenue South, the new frontage roads and First Avenue South.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Transportation

Location of current proposal:

The project is located in the south downtown (SODO) area of Seattle, King County, between I-5/I-90 and the waterfront. The project area is bound by approximately South Walker and South King Streets, and First Avenue South and Alaskan Way South.

Title and Description of documents being adopted:

SR 99 S. Holgate St to S. King St Viaduct Replacement Project Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA) (WSDOT/FHWA, June 2008)

The Environmental Assessment (EA) contains the results of a series of environmental analyses to identify potential impacts of the project and the no build alternative. The EA is used to convey the project information to the public and project decision-makers so well-informed decisions can be made. This assessment was prepared in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA).

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

The Environmental Assessment and supporting discipline reports can be found on the project website at: www.alaskanwayviaduct.org.

They can be read at the following location from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.: Alaskan Way Viaduct Project, WSDOT-Urban Corridors Office, 999 Third Ave, Suite 2424, Seattle, WA 98104.

Copies are also available for review through the Seattle Public Library as well as the Downtown Seattle Neighborhood Service Center and the Greater Duwamish Neighborhood Service Center.

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 DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. *Comments must be submitted by August 11, 2008.*

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.

Name of agency adopting document:

Washington State Department of Transportation
Urban Corridors Office

Responsible Official: Allison Hanson

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Date: July 28, 2008

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