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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

S. MASSACHUSETTS ST. TO RAILROAD WAY S. ELECTRICAL LINE RELOCATION

Description of Proposal: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) proposes to relocate electrical utility network distribution and transmission lines currently suspended from the Alaskan Way Viaduct, between the Massachusetts Substation and the Railroad Way South ramps, into an alignment parallel to and east of the Viaduct. The relocation involves two types of electrical lines: five network feeder distribution lines; and two transmission lines. Construction of the two new alignments (distribution and transmission) will consist of new underground ductbanks and vaults, four new distribution vaults and two new transmission vaults.

Proponent:
Washington State Department of Transportation
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Location of Proposal: The work will occur along a roughly 2-mile-long corridor near the Seattle waterfront from roughly the intersection of S. Massachusetts Street and Colorado Avenue S., north to the intersection of Railroad Way S. and the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

Lead Agency: Washington State Department of Transportation

The Washington State Department of Transportation, 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 DNS and the supporting checklist are available to the public on request and can be found on the project website at: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/default.htm.

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

Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program Office
Wells Fargo Building, 999 Third Ave, Suite 2424
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This DNS is issued under WAC 197-1 1-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by February 15, 2008.

Issue Date: February 1, 2008

Responsible Official: Allison Hanson, UCO Deputy Director of Environmental Services

Signature: ___________________________ Date: 1/29/08