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SUBJECT: SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the I-405, Downtown Bellevue Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project (MP 11.9 to 14.6), Adoption of Environmental Assessment

Dear Environmental Assessment Recipient:

Attached is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) document entitled, *I-405, Downtown Bellevue Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project (MP 11.9 to 14.6) Environmental Assessment (EA)*. This document is adopted as WSDOT's SEPA environmental checklist for this project.

After reviewing our EA and other information on file with WSDOT, we have determined that this proposal, the I-405, Downtown Bellevue Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project, will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A copy of the determination of nonsignificance for this proposal is attached.

You are invited to comment on this DNS by submitting written comments no later than April 16, 2018, to Allison Hanson at the I-405 Project Office, 600 – 108th Avenue NE, Suite 405, Bellevue, WA 98004, or by email at I405comments@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Kukes', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Cameron Kukes
WSDOT Northwest Region Environmental Manager

Enclosure

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of proposal:

The I-405, Downtown Bellevue Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project provides improvement to 2.7 miles of I-405 (milepost 11.9 to milepost 14.6) from just north of the I-90 interchange to north of the NE 6th Street interchange. These improvements are a part of the I-405 Corridor Program. The project includes the following improvements:

- **Northbound I-405, I-90 to NE 6th Street (MP 11.9 to 13.7)** – Develop approximately 1.6 miles of new lane in the northbound direction by widening or restriping I-405 from MP 11.9 to 13.5. In this same section of I-405, convert the existing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to an express toll lane (ETL) system. The new lane coupled with the existing HOV lane would create a dual ETL. Between MP 13.5 and 13.7, convert the existing HOV lane to an ETL. The ETL would connect to the existing ETLs from downtown Bellevue to Lynnwood. Westward expansion of I-405 is proposed south of SE 8th Street, and eastward expansion is proposed north of SE 8th Street.
- **Southbound I-405, I-90 to NE 6th Street (MP 11.9 to 13.7)** – From MP 11.9 to 12.5, reconfigure the existing outside HOV lane to the inner roadway and convert both of the existing HOV lanes to ETLs. From MP 12.5 to 13.5, develop a new lane by widening or restriping. This new lane coupled with the existing HOV lane would result in a dual ETL south of NE 4th Street. Between MP 13.5 and 13.7, convert the existing HOV lane to an ETL. The ETL would connect to the existing ETLs from downtown Bellevue to Lynnwood. Where new pavement is needed, eastward expansion is proposed.
- **I-405 Eastside Rail Corridor Overpass (MP 12.4)** – Build a new northbound I-405 bridge structure adjacent to the existing I-405 structure over the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail. The new structure would carry the two ETLs and the general purpose (GP) lanes would remain on the existing structure.
- **Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail (MP 12.09 to 12.49)** – Construct a new bridge for nonmotorized travel over southbound I-405 near MP 12.15. Build a section of nonmotorized trail to connect with the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail.
- **SE 8th Street Interchange (MP 12.78)** – Widen the northbound I-405 overpass over SE 8th Street.
- **Main Street Overpass (MP 13.31)** – Reconstruct the Main Street Bridge over I-405.
- **Northbound I-405 to SR 520 Ramp (MP 14.6)** – Widen the existing northbound off-ramp to State Route 520 (SR 520) from two lanes to three lanes for approximately 600 feet beginning where the NE 10th Street on-ramp merges onto the I-405 ramp.
- Other improvements that would be made as part of the Project include stormwater facility expansion, pavement markings, drainage improvements, signing, illumination, intelligent transportation systems, barriers, and tolling gantries. Some partial property acquisitions would be needed from five commercial and public properties.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Transportation, I-405 Program

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The I-405, Downtown Bellevue Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project extends along I-405 approximately 2.7 miles from just north of the I-90 interchange (MP 11.9) to north of the NE 6th Street interchange (MP 14.6).

Lead Agency: Washington State Department of Transportation, I-405 Program

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 the checklist document is titled *I-405, Downtown Bellevue Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project Environmental Assessment*, and it was completed in April 2018. The document is available to be read during normal business hours at: I-405 Project Office, 600 108th Avenue NE, Suite 405, Bellevue 98004; Bellevue Community College Library, and Bellevue Regional Library. The document is also available electronically at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/RentontoBellevue/>.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

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 April 16, 2018.

. **Responsible Official:** Cameron Kukes

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