



**Washington State
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July 2, 2020

SUBJECT: SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the I-405, SR 522 Vicinity to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement Project (MP 21.79 to 27.06), Adoption of Environmental Assessment

Dear Environmental Assessment Recipient:

Attached is Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) I-405, SR 522 Vicinity to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement Project (MP 21.79 to 27.06) Environmental Assessment (EA). This document is adopted as WSDOT's State Environmental Policy Act (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, SR 522 Vicinity to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement 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 July 17, 2020, to Attn: Robert Woeck at the I-405/SR 167 Megaprogram Office, WSDOT, 600 108th Avenue NE, Suite 405, Bellevue, WA 98004, or by email at I405comments@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Margaret Kucharski
WSDOT Megaprograms Environmental Manager

Enclosure

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Title: I-405, SR 522 Vicinity to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement Project

Description of Current Proposal:

The Project is mostly located in Bothell, Washington and proposes to make roadway, structural, trail, and transit infrastructure improvements to I-405 from milepost (MP) 21.79 to MP 27.06. The Project proposes to create a dual express toll lane (ETL) system by restriping existing lanes from MP 21.79 to MP 22.30 and widening I-405 to add one ETL in each direction between MP 22.30 and MP 26.30. At the SR 522 interchange, the Project would construct direct access ramps to and from the ETL, inline transit stations in the I-405 median, and three new signalized intersections on SR 522, which would change where the freeway portion of SR 522 begins and ends. Just south of the SR 527 interchange at 17th Avenue SE, the Project would construct direct access ramps to and from the ETL and inline transit stations in the I-405 median. The Project would also reconstruct new bridges over the Sammamish River, build three new noise walls, construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities, reconfigure local streets, correct five fish barriers, and make stormwater improvements.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

Location of Current Proposal:

The Project is located primarily in Bothell on I-405 between MP 21.79 and MP 27.06. The Project begins south of the I-405/SR 522 interchange in Kirkland and continues to just north of the I-405/SR 527 interchange in Bothell.

Name of Lead Agency/Agency Adopting the Document: WSDOT

Title of Document Being Adopted: I-405, SR 522 Vicinity to SR 527 Express Toll Lanes Improvement Project Environmental Assessment

Date the Adopted Document was Prepared: July 2, 2020

Description of Document Being Adopted: 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). The EA and all associated documents are available to be read at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/sr-522-sr-527/environmental-review>. A printed copy of the EA is available for purchase for \$24.67 by calling 425-456-8697, or you may make an appointment to read a printed copy of the EA in WSDOT's office in Bellevue by calling 425-456-8697.

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.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after July 17, 2020. Comments must be submitted by July 17, 2020. Please submit comments by email to I405comments@wsdot.wa.gov or by postal mail to:

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Responsible Official: Margaret Kucharski

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Signature: _____

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