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SUBJECT: SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the I-405, Tukwila to I-90 Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project (MP 0.0 to 11.9), Adoption of Environmental Assessment

Dear Environmental Assessment Recipient:

Attached is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) document entitled, *I-405, Tukwila to I-90 Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project (MP 0.0 to 11.9) 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, Tukwila to I-90 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 July 23, 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', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Cameron Kukes
WSDOT Northwest Region Environmental Manager

Enclosure

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of proposal:

The Project would make roadway, structural, trail, and transit improvements in the I-405 corridor from Tukwila (Milepost 0.0) to north of I-90 (MP 11.9). The Project proposes the following improvements:

- I-405/I-5 Interchange (MP 0.0 to 2.9)—Extend the southbound left lane at the I-5 interchange west for approximately 500 feet to provide additional merge distance.
- Northbound I-405, State Route 167 to north of I-90 (MP 2.9 to 11.9)—Add one lane on I-405 in the northbound direction from MP 2.9 to 11.9. Convert the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to an express toll lane (ETL). The HOV lane and an additional lane would be operated as a two-lane ETL system.
- Southbound I-405, State Route 167 to north of I-90 (MP 2.9 to 11.9)—Add one lane on I-405 in the southbound direction from MP 2.9 to 11.9. Convert the existing HOV lane to an ETL. The HOV lane and an additional lane would be operated as a two-lane ETL system. Add an additional general purpose (GP) auxiliary lane on southbound I-405 between MP 6.7 and 7.1 and MP 9.4 and 10.5.
- Cedar and Renton Avenues—Reconstruct the bridges over I-405.
- Cedar River Bridge—Widen the southbound I-405 bridge over the Cedar River.
- Sunset Boulevard N Interchange Area—Widen the I-405 northbound and southbound bridges over Sunset Boulevard N.
- NE Park Drive Interchange Area—Widen the I-405 southbound bridge over NE Park Drive.
- N 30th Street Interchange Area—Replace the local road overpass abutment slopes with retaining walls on both sides of I-405 and lower the southbound I-405 roadway.
- NE 44th Street Interchange Area—Replace the northbound and southbound I-405 bridges over May Creek with two new bridges and provide habitat improvements. Replace the NE 44th Street bridge over I-405. Construct new direct access ramps in the I-405 median with inline transit stations. Realign and reconstruct the northbound access to I-405 from a loop ramp to a new on-ramp from Lake Washington Boulevard NE. Build four roundabouts along local arterials. Construct an at-grade park-and-ride lot at Lake Washington Boulevard N and N 43rd Street with a minimum of 200 parking stalls and a roundabout (improvements would be built, but may be built by Sound Transit or others).
- 112th Avenue SE Interchange Area—Replace the 112th Avenue SE bridge over I-405. Construct new direct access ramps with inline transit stations in the I-405 median and reconfigure the interchange. Construct a roundabout on 112th Avenue SE. Reconfigure the Newport Hills Park and Ride. The direct access ramps and associated transit improvements at 112th Avenue SE, including reconfiguring the Newport Hills Park and Ride, may be constructed after 2024, depending on when allocated funds for these elements become available.
- Coal Creek Parkway Interchange Area—Construct a new southbound I-405 bridge on a new alignment. Convert the existing southbound I-405 bridge to northbound ETLs. Convert the four local road intersections on Coal Creek Parkway SE to roundabouts. The

roundabouts on Coal Creek Parkway SE may be constructed after 2024, depending on when allocated funds for these elements become available.

- I-405/I-90 Interchange Area—Reconfigure the I-405 southbound to I-90 eastbound ramp from one to two lanes. Realign the I-405 northbound to I-90 eastbound ramp. Construct two new bridges over the eastbound I-90 ramp to Factoria Boulevard and over Factoria Boulevard.
- Other improvements that would be made as part of the Project include constructing new stormwater facilities, fish passage improvements, noise walls, drainage improvements, and tolling gantries.

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

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The Project begins at the I-5/I-405 interchange in Tukwila and continues about a mile north of the I-90/I-405 interchange in Bellevue.

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, Tukwila to I-90 Vicinity Express Toll Lanes Project Environmental Assessment*, and it was completed in July 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 College Library, Bellevue Regional Library, Newcastle Library, Renton Library, Renton Technical College Library, Tukwila Library. The document and all associated documents are 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 July 23, 2018.

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