

# **SEPA Environmental Checklist**

## **A. Background**

**1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

Operation & Maintenance Facility - East Link Vegetation Management

**2. Name of applicant:**

Central Puget Sound Transit Authority (Sound Transit)

**3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

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**4. Date checklist prepared:**

January 5, 2026

**5. Agency requesting checklist:**

- Sound Transit
- City of Bellevue Development Services

**6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

Work is expected to begin as early as July 2026, pending receipt of permits/approvals.

Figure 1 below highlights the project area.

**7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

Additional vegetation management may occur along other portions of the East Link alignment.

**8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

- Wetland, Stream, and Jurisdictional Ditch Delineation Report (2025)
- East Link Project Tree Risk Assessment (2022)
- Vegetation Management Plan (2026)

**9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.** Sound Transit is not aware of any pending government approvals for proposals related to the property.

**10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

- Critical Areas Land Use Permit – City of Bellevue

- Nonresidential Landscape and Vegetation Clearing and Grading Permit (GB) - City of Bellevue
- Right of Way Permit for Haul Routes – City of Bellevue

**11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

Link Light Rail is operational east of Lake Washington and will be fully operational across Lake Washington into Seattle in 2026. Along portions of this route (the 2 Line, a.k.a., the East Link Extension), Sound Transit (ST) is proposing tree removal, tree snagging, and pruning of 75 trees that pose a risk to the safe operation of light rail in areas adjacent to the Operations and Maintenance Facility East (OMF East).

Specifically, work will consist of tree removal, snagging, and/or pruning at OMF East within the City of Bellevue on Parcel 2825059038 owned by Sound Transit.

1. Tree removal consists of removing the tree at soil level. For species with the potential to resprout, this will be followed by a cut-stump herbicide application to prevent resprouting.
  - Trees converted into wildlife snags will have the top of the tree removed to a height that reduces risk to the ST infrastructure.
2. Branches with the potential to overhang the track or may allow wildlife access to the platform will be pruned, with cuts being made at the trunk of the tree.

Work will consist of both manual and mechanized equipment. Mechanized equipment may include, but not be limited to: chainsaws, vehicles used for transport, wood chipper, and cranes. Vegetation and replacement plans will be included in the Vegetation Management Plan to be submitted with the Critical Areas Land Use Permit application, for approval by City of Bellevue.

A summary of work is shown in Table 1.

*Table 1. Summary of Work for OMF East Vegetation Management*

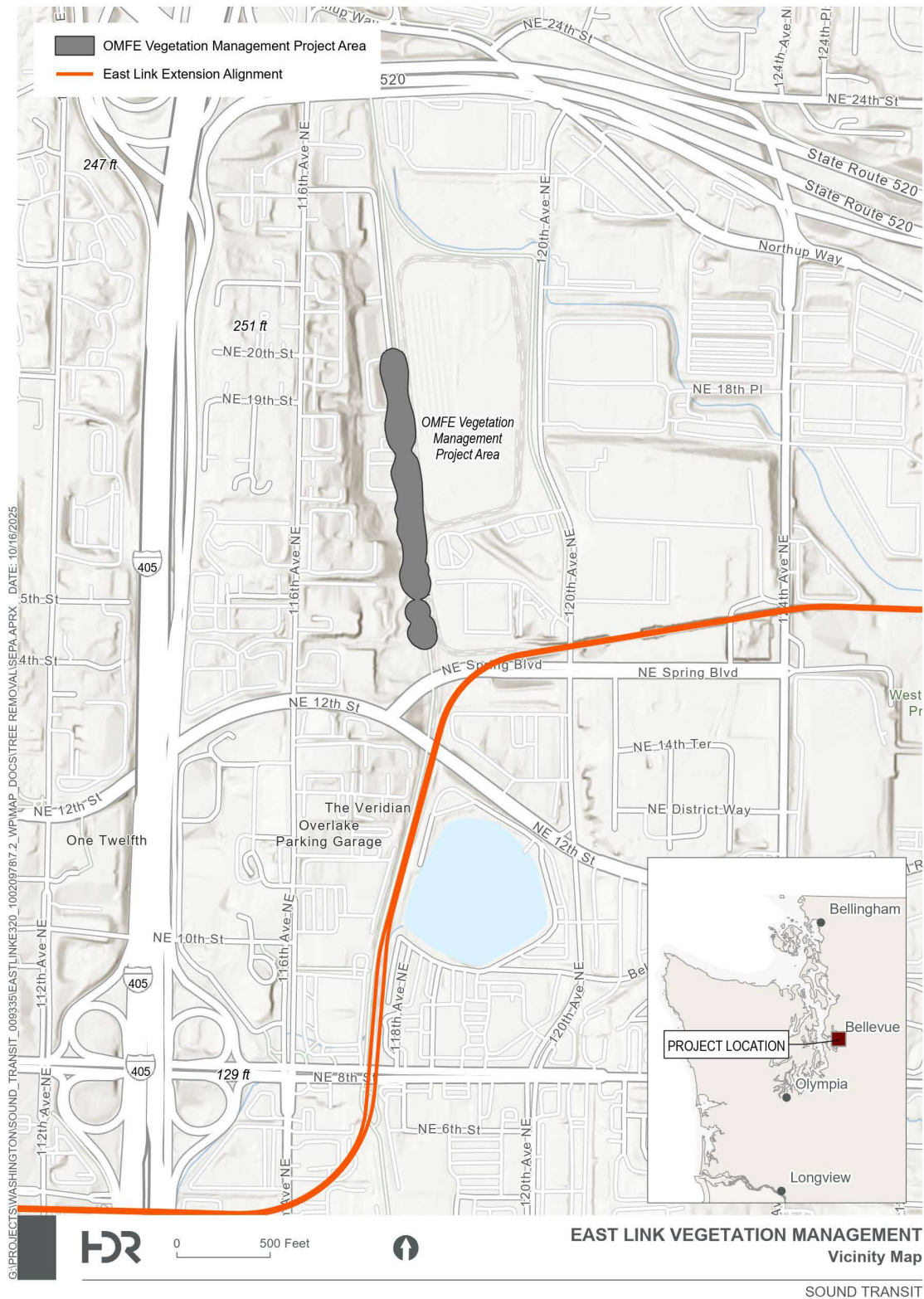
<b>Proposed Work / Quantity</b>
Trees to Remove: <b>39</b>
Trees to Prune: <b>18</b>
Trees to Snag: <b>18</b>

Uses of the site where work will occur will not change after project work is complete. When the term 'site' is used in this checklist without differentiation, it refers to all project work areas.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

The work will occur entirely within the City of Bellevue, in the BelRed neighborhood. The work will occur adjacent to the OMF East building. See Figure 1 below for a vicinity map highlighting the proposed tree removal project areas.

Figure 1. East Link Tree Removal Vicinity Map



## B.Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth

**a. General description of the site:**

The project site is located on developed land that currently consists of commercial, residential, and industrial uses in the City of Bellevue; the site and its surroundings are in the Bel-Red Corridor. These parcels are zoned for redevelopment as mixed-use office and residential land use. The work areas of the site range from paved to natural/landscaped areas and follows adjacent to the Eastrail Trail.

Circle or highlight one: **Flat**, rolling, hilly, **steep slopes**, mountainous, other:

**b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

The steepest slope on the proposed site was analyzed at 15-30% slopes adjacent to the West side of OMF East and the Eastrail Trail.

**c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.**

Soils are mapped as Alderwood gravelly sandy loam, Arents, Alderwood material, Kitsap silt loam, Seattle muck, and Tukwila muck. The project will not remove any soil and is not in an agricultural area.

**d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

The site is not mapped as having unstable soils in the immediate vicinity.

**e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

The proposal is above-ground only and no filling, excavation, or grading is proposed.

**f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

Erosion at the project site is expected to be negligible. Possible erosion from exposed soils after tree removal could occur, but is expected to be negligible or immeasurable. Machinery used for snagging, removing or pruning trees will not need to drive on bare soil.

**g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

Impervious surface will be the same as existing. The project will not create, remove, or alter any impervious surfaces.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**  
Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) measures will be implemented as required by permits and Sound Transit contract specifications.

## 2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

No construction or active operation will be present after project completion. During the work, emissions are expected to be negligible. Mechanized equipment such as chainsaws, wood chipper, trucks and cranes are expected to be used and may result in short-term fossil fuel emissions, and dust emissions from exposed soils.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

Emissions are not anticipated to be significant. Contractors will comply with regulatory requirements and implement appropriate dust control measures, as necessary, as required by Sound Transit construction specifications.

## 3. Water

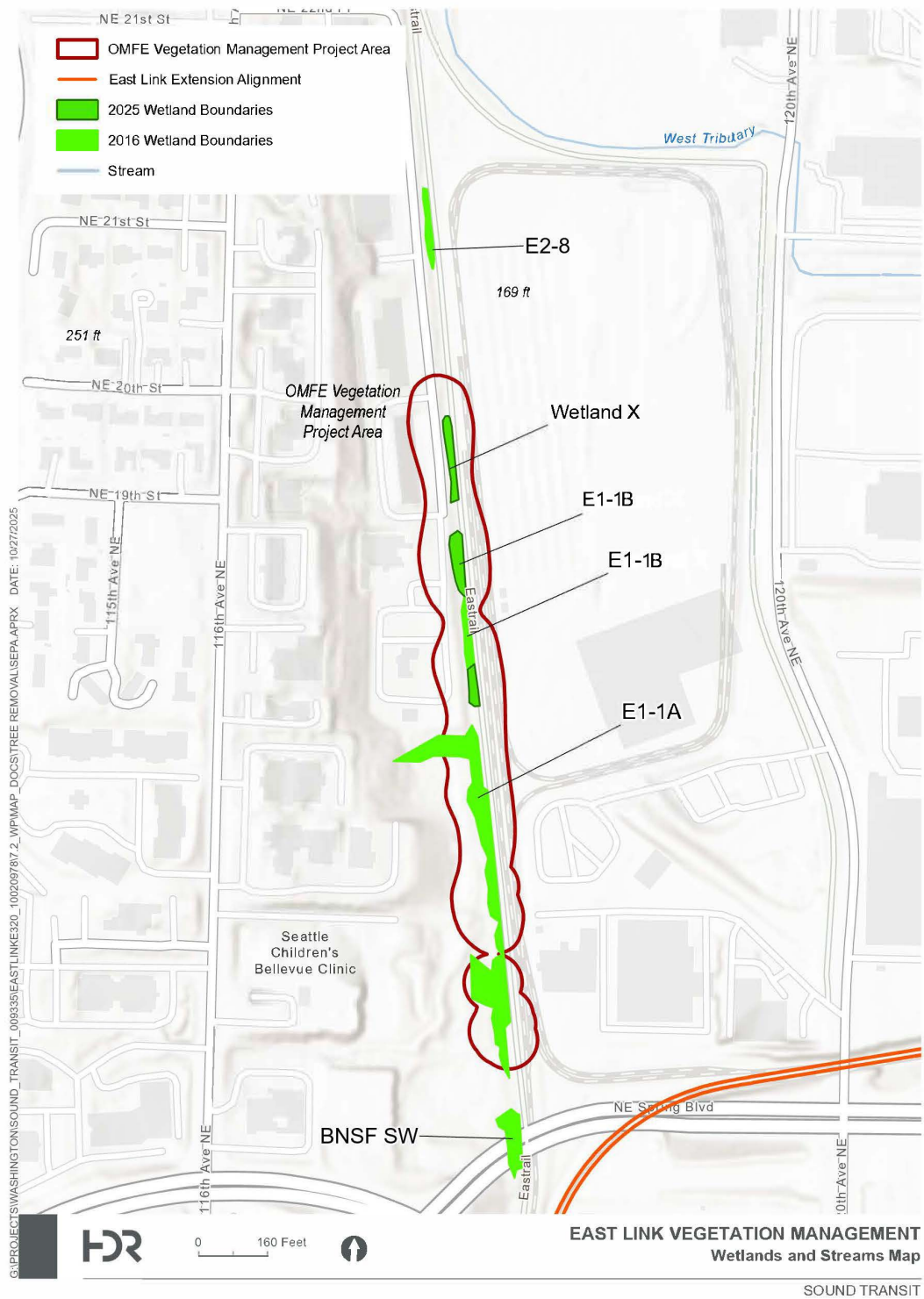
- a. Surface:**

- 1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

3 wetlands (identified as E1-1A, E1-1B, and Wetland X) are mapped in the project area. See Figure 2 for wetlands within the OMF East Project areas.



*Figure 2. OMF East Project Area Wetlands*



2. All of the project work will require work in wetlands or wetland buffers. No work is required in streams or stream buffers. Machinery used for snagging, removing or pruning these trees will not need to access wetlands or streams to conduct the project work, although it may be within wetland buffer areas. Work within wetland areas can be reached by machinery outside the wetland boundary or by hand. Measures to minimize impacts of machinery in buffer areas are outlined in an Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) submitted for approval to the City of Bellevue. A summary of work within wetlands and wetland buffers is shown below in Table 2.

*Table 2. Summary of Work within Wetlands, Wetland Buffers, and Stream Buffers*

<b>Proposed Work / Quantity</b>
Trees in Wetlands: <b>57</b>
Trees in Wetland Buffers: <b>18</b>
Trees in Stream Buffers: <b>0</b>

3. **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**  
No fill or dredge is proposed.
4. **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**  
No
5. **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**  
No
6. **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**  
No. See also response to Item B.7.a.

**b. Ground:**

1. **Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**  
No water will be withdrawn for this project.
2. **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number**



**of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

No waste material will be discharged. See also the responses to Items B.3.c and B.7.a.

**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

- 1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

The only source of runoff on project sites would be stormwater during the work. Project sites drain to a number of locations, all of which eventually drain to Lake Washington and to Puget Sound. Stormwater will continue to move as it currently does throughout the project work, running into wetlands and ditches along the Eastrail trail adjacent to OMF East, and West Tributary Pond.

- 2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

No. No waste materials are expected to be released from the site. There could be accidental spills of herbicide on-site. These would be addressed using best management practices (BMPs) such as applying herbicide only in dry weather conditions and in the appropriate amounts per the manufacturer's specifications. Leaks of petroleum products or other contaminants from equipment used for the work are not expected. Equipment will be maintained offsite. Any potential leaks of fluids from equipment or spills of herbicide will be controlled by implementation of a Spill Prevention and Control Plan (SPCP). No erosion is anticipated that could lead to an impact to ground or surface waters. BMPs for erosion control and water quality protection (e.g. catch basin inlet project where needed or silt fences in wetland areas or ditches) will be in place in any event. Furthermore, TESC measures will be implemented as required by permits and Sound Transit contract specifications.

- 3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

No. There will be no temporary or permanent changes to stormwater flows or drainage patterns as a result of the project.

- 4. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:**

None other than those described above are anticipated to be needed.

## 4. Plants

**a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

- ☒ **deciduous tree:** alder, maple, aspen, **other**
- ☒ **evergreen tree:** **fir**, cedar, pine, other
- ☒ **shrubs**
- ☒ **grass**
- ☐ **pasture**
- ☐ **crop or grain**
- ☐ **orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.**
- ☒ **wet soil plants:** cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☐ **water plants:** water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ **other types of vegetation**

Types of trees planned for alteration are shown in Table 3. For purposes of this response, the site is defined as the specific construction areas, not the entire parcels.

*Table 3. Tree Type and Quantities at the OMF East Project Site*

Tree Type and Quantity	Quantity
Black Cottonwood	<b>56</b>
Pacific Willow	<b>14</b>
Unidentified Deciduous Species	<b>1</b>
Unidentified Willow Species	<b>4</b>

**b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

75 trees are planned to be removed or altered. A summary of work for the East Link Tree Removal project is shown in Table 1 of Section A.11. Types of trees planned for alteration include: Black cottonwood, American Hazel, Black Locust, Pacific Willow, and Douglas Fir.

**c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

There are no rare plants known to be on or near the site.

**d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**

Only trees deemed to be at-risk will be removed, snagged, or pruned. No tree roots will be removed. Trees to be cut down will be cut to near soil level. Replacement plantings associated with removals will be conducted in accordance with City of Bellevue City Code, and an approved vegetation management plan. If machinery will need to drive on soil to access project areas, measures such as laying mats in the project area prior will be implemented to protect native remaining vegetation.

- e. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**  
Noxious weeds and invasive species known to be near the site include reed canary grass, English ivy and Himalayan blackberry.

## 5. Animals

- a. **List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

Bird and animal species likely to be present are those adapted to living in close proximity to human development, including common songbird species (American Robin, black-capped chickadee, dark eyed junco, etc.), crows, adaptable mammal species (beaver, coyote, squirrels, rodents, deer), and fish species (salmon, sculpin, bass, trout).

- b. **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

There are no priority species on or near the site. The North American Wolverine, Marbled Murrelet, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Northwestern Pond Turtle, Bull Trout, and Monarch Butterfly are all listed as threatened species that could occur near the work area, but their presence is highly improbable.

- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

Yes. The project site is located within the Pacific Flyway which is a flight corridor for migrating waterfowl and other avian fauna. The Pacific Flyway extends from Alaska south to Mexico and South America.

- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.**

The number of trees has been minimized to the extent possible. Given that the tree work is necessary, the project will be preserving/enhancing wildlife by converting 18 trees into wildlife snags to provide essential habitat for various wildlife species. Inspections will be performed as required for compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act before start of work to ensure no negative impacts to bird species.

- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

No invasive animal species are known to be present on or near the site.

## 6. Energy and natural resources

- a. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

Equipment used for tree removal, snagging and pruning will mostly be manual gas powered equipment. No energy needs will exist after the project is completed.

**b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

The project has minimal opportunity to impact solar energy potential on adjacent properties. Trees proposed for replanting will be species that will not grow to a height that creates future hazards to the light rail infrastructure and will not likely impact use of solar energy on adjacent properties.

**c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

None.

## **7. Environmental health**

**a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

**1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

Based on desktop review, past cleanup sites within 500 feet of the project area include Sound Transit OMFE TOD, and NE Spring Blvd Wall 3. Both sites have been cleaned up or independently remediated, and comply with the standards in the state's environmental cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act. None of these sites are expected to be an issue for this project, which will have minimal or no ground disturbing activity.

**2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

There are no known hazardous pipelines or other hazards near or on the project sites.

**3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

The only toxic or hazardous chemicals that will be used for the project will be gasoline to travel to and from sites, and herbicides to prevent re-sprouting of trees. No further toxic or hazardous chemicals will be used and nothing will be left on site once the project is complete (other than the herbicide that was applied to tree stumps as needed).

**4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

None are anticipated.

**5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

Herbicides used on site will be minimal and mitigation measures will be included in the Vegetation Management Plan. No vehicles will be fueled or maintained on site.

**1. Noise**

**1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

None - the project will not be affected by noise.

**2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Noise from equipment used for the project would occur during weekday daylight hours. No night-time work will occur. The noise would be associated with operation of chainsaws, vehicles driven to access the sites, wood chippers, and cranes. Noise will be short-term in nature (not exceeding more than 2 days at any one site) and will not exceed any applicable City noise standards. Construction noise such as that to be generated by this project would be exempt from regulation during daytime hours per City of Bellevue code.

**3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:**

All operations would occur during daylight hours. No other measures are needed or proposed.

**8. Land and shoreline use**

**a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

The OMF East project area is located west of the OMF East building, along the Eastrail trail and outside of the City ROW (Figure 1). This proposal will not affect land uses on nearby or adjacent properties.

**b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

The project site is not within an agricultural or forest production district. No agricultural or forest land will be converted to other uses for this project.

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversized equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**  
No working farm or forest land business operations will be interrupted by this project.
- c. Describe any structures on the site.**  
Sound Transit's Operations and Maintenance Facility East (OMF East) is the only structure on project work sites.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**  
No.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**  
Zoning at the OMF East project site includes Bel-Red Office/Residential Node 2 (BR-OR-2).
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**  
According to the City of Bellevue comprehensive plan, the site is zoned as Lowrise Residential Mixed Use, and Highrise Residential Mixed Use.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**  
The project is not within the City of Bellevue Shoreline jurisdiction.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**  
There are 3 mapped wetlands within the project area, as described in Item 3.A.1 above. There are no steep slopes or other critical areas where the work will occur.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**  
None.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**  
None.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**  
No displacement impacts are anticipated, therefore there are no proposed measures.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**  
No measures are proposed because the proposal is anticipated to be compatible with existing and projected land uses.
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**



No agricultural and forest lands of the long-term impacts are anticipated, therefore there are no proposed measures.

## 9. Housing

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**  
None.
- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**  
None.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**  
Not applicable.

## 10. Aesthetics

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**  
Not applicable. There are no proposed structures.
- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**  
The views in the immediate vicinity of the project include those typical of the built environment and natural environment consistent with commercial and residential neighborhoods: a multi-use recreation trail, utility poles and wires, and vegetation. The project is consistent with these surroundings and would not alter or obstruct any of these views, as the trees being removed are located in an area away from the primary development footprint and do not contribute significantly to the existing views.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**  
None required.

## 11. Light and glare

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**  
No light or glare from the project is anticipated. All work will occur during the day and no permanent lights are to be installed.
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**  
No, light or glare would not be associated with the finished product and therefore would not be a safety hazard or interfere with views described in B.10.b.

**c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

None. The proposal would not be affected by light or glare.

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

No measures are proposed because no impacts are anticipated.

## **12. Recreation**

**a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

The proposed site is on a portion of the Eastrail trail owned by King County.

**b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

No - the project would not displace any recreational uses. There will be temporary impacts to the Eastrail Trail when the tree maintenance is occurring which may include, but not be limited to, full or partial trail closures in the surrounding work area.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

Sound Transit will coordinate with King County Parks and Recreation to reduce impacts to the Eastrail trail, with measures such as signage or detours implemented as needed.

## **13. Historic and cultural preservation**

**a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

There is one structure (Northern Pacific Railway- Lake Washington Beltline) that is older than 45 years in age documented in the project area, and it has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Northern Pacific Railway-Lake Washington Beltline (DAHP Property ID 88798) was determined eligible for listing in the NRHP by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in 2007. The original alignment of this railway ran north/south through the project area; however, the railway has been altered and is now part of the Eastrail multi-use corridor. The portion of the Eastrail corridor within the project area will be a 14 foot wide paved trail that connects the north-south Eastrail to the existing east-west trail, which runs along NE 12th Street and along Spring Blvd.

There are no additional buildings, structures, or sites located in the project area that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers. Outside of the project area, the closest NRHP-eligible buildings include The Safeway Distribution Center Truck Repair Building (DAHP Property ID 114975), which

exists 0.19 miles east of the project area, was determined eligible for listing in the NRHP and the Washington Heritage Register (WHR) by the SHPO in 2011; however, this building has since been demolished for the construction of the Spring District Light Rail Station.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

There are no landmarks, features, or other evidence of indigenous or historic-era use or occupation on the project area. The nearest previously documented archaeological resources to the project is site 45KI1368 (historic debris scatter/concentration), which is approximately 0.41 miles south of the project area. Site 45KI01368 was identified during trenching in association with a sewer tie in for the E335 segment of the Sound Transit East Link Project and was determined not eligible for the NRHP by the SHPO in 2018.

For the East Link Extension project, which included OMF East, Sound Transit held meetings with representatives from the Snoqualmie Tribe of Indians and Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to discuss potential impacts on archaeological sites and traditional cultural places (TCPs). This consultation revealed no such resources in the vicinity of the Tree Removal project vicinity.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Under contract to Sound Transit, HDR cultural resources specialists reviewed the predictive model on the Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD). The project area was categorized as varying between low to moderate risk for archaeological resources. HDR used WISAARD to identify historic and cultural resources within proximity to the project area, as described above in 13a and 13b.

HDR also reviewed the cultural resources investigative reports that were prepared as part of its Environmental Impact Statement for the East Link Project (HRA and C2HM HILL 2011<sup>1</sup>); however, none of the survey locations nor findings overlap with the current project area. As described in 13b, Sound Transit previously consulted with the SHPO, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Tribes, as well as local jurisdictions (i.e., Cities of Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, and Redmond) as part of the East Link Project. This consultation revealed no such resources in the vicinity of the Tree Removal project.

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<sup>1</sup> Historical Research Associates, Inc. and C2HM HILL. 2011. Sound Transit East Link Project. Appendix H4-Historic and Archaeological Resources Technical Report. Prepared For Sound Transit.

Based on the results of the background review, no impacts on cultural and historic resources are anticipated.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

No impacts to historic or cultural resources are anticipated; therefore, no measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to such resources are proposed. No filling, excavation, or grading is proposed as part of the Project. The project will further minimize ground disturbance during tree removal by cutting the trees at soil level. The project will implement an inadvertent discovery plan (IDP) during tree cutting to minimize impacts to inadvertently discovered cultural resources, should such discoveries occur.

## 14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

The proposed site is along the Eastrail trail adjacent to OMF East located at 1925 120th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA. Access to the OMF East site will be from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, and NE Bellevue Red Road. See Figure 1 for overview of public streets and highways in the project vicinity.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

Public transit will not be impacted by this project. The closest transit stop to OMF East is located at 116th Ave NE & NE 12th St (1 mile). The work along the alignment will not occur in proximity to any transit stop.

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

No.

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

The project will occur near Link rail. The tree removal is proposed to prevent disruption of Sound Transit infrastructure.

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

No vehicular trips would be generated. Minimal equipment is required for the project and once completed no maintenance will be required.

- f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

No, the project will not interfere with roads or streets, so it will not interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

No measures are proposed because no transportation impacts are anticipated.

## 15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

No, the nature of the project would not increase the need for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

No measures are proposed because no increase in public services is anticipated.

## 16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

Depending on the specific work location (Figure 1), the utilities highlighted above may be found. There will be no impact to utilities from the project and the project will not use utilities.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

No utilities are proposed for this project.

## C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

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