



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: Sound Transit proposes to construct and operate the Bus Base North Project (Project) in Bothell, Washington. The Project includes a new two-story bus maintenance and operations building, and a two-story bus and other vehicle parking structure. The ground floor of the parking structure would accommodate storage of up to 120 buses, primarily operating on the proposed I-405 and SR 522/NE 145th Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines. Some buses from the ST Express bus fleet would also use this facility. On the top level of the parking structure, 250 parking spaces would be provided for employee and visitor uses. The proposed site for the Project is a vacant undeveloped 12.5-acre parcel within the Canyon Park Business Center. The site is bounded by the Northshore School District fleet maintenance facility and a portion of 20th Avenue SE to the north, laboratory facilities to the east and south, and 20th Avenue SE to the west. All buses and employees/visitors would access the site from 20th Avenue SE. Sound Transit proposes to introduce a break to the center median along 20th Avenue SE near the planned entrance to allow left turns into and out of the facility. Other elements of the Project include a small security building, bus wash building, bus paint booth, and fueling facility/support systems building with above-ground fuel storage. The Project would also include a new sidewalk along the frontage of 20th Avenue SE, perimeter landscaping, stormwater management infrastructure, a refuse collection area, and an area for an emergency generator.

Proponent: Sound Transit (Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority)

Location of the Proposal: City of Bothell, Washington

Lead Agency: Sound Transit

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 the completed environmental checklist, technical reports, and other information on file with Sound Transit.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2) and Sound Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution R2018-17). The lead agency will not act on the proposal until August 24, 2020, which is 14 days from the date of issue below.

Availability of Documents: The SEPA checklist, along with the technical memos, are available for review at <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/i-405-brt/documents>. Electronic copies of the checklist and technical memos are available at no charge by contacting Kathy Fendt at (206) 689-4856 or Kathy.Fendt@soundtransit.org. Paper copies of the technical memos are available for \$15.00.

Comments Due: Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., August 24, 2020. Email comments should be submitted to busbasenorth@soundtransit.org. Written comments should be mailed to Kathy Fendt, East Corridor Environmental Manager, Sound Transit, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104.

The responsible official may reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain or modify the DNS or, if the responsible official determines that significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS or supporting documents. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline.

Responsible official: Perry Weinberg

Position/title: Deputy Executive Director, Office of Environmental Affairs and Sustainability


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You may appeal this determination to Peter Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer, Sound Transit, Union Station, 401 South Jackson St., Seattle WA 98104-2826 no later than 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2020, by submitting a written statement requesting an appeal, setting forth the information required by Sound Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution No. R2018-17) and by paying the required fee. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Resolution No. R2018-17 is available online at:

https://www.soundtransit.org/st_sharepoint/download/sites/PRDA/FinalRecords/Resolution%20R2018-17.pdf

Date of Issue: August 10, 2020

Signature: 
Perry Weinberg

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