

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: The Tacoma Trestle Track & Signal Project will construct improvements to the approximately 0.65 mile portion of Sounder Commuter Rail line between East D Street and East M Street in the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington. Proposed improvements include replacement of an existing single-track trestle with a new double track bridge with tracks and crossovers, upgrades to the embankment along bridge approaches, signal upgrades, placement of additional earthen fill, and installation of retaining wall structures.

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

Location of the Proposal: The project is located within 0.65-mile section of rail corridor between East D Street and East M Street in the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

Lead Agency: Sound Transit

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse environmental impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with Sound Transit. The SEPA Checklist for the project can be viewed on Sound Transit's website at <http://www.soundtransit.org/tacomatrestle>. A CD or paper copies are available at no charge by contacting Erin Green at (206) 398-5464 or erin.green@soundtransit.org.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and Sound Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution R7-1). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., July 30, 2014. Comments should be submitted to Erin Green, Associate Environmental Planner, by mail: Sound Transit, Union Station, and 401 South Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104-2826 or by email to erin.green@soundtransit.org or by fax to (206) 903-7499. The responsible official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline.

Responsible Official: Perry Weinberg
Position/Title: Director, Office of Environmental Affairs and Sustainability
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You may appeal this determination to Joni Earl, Chief Executive Officer, Sound Transit, Union Station, 401 South Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104-2826 no later than 5:00 p.m., August 6, 2014 by submitting a written statement requesting an appeal, setting forth the information required by Sound Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution No. R7-1) and paying the required fee. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

Auxiliary aids and services and communication materials in accessible format can be arranged with sufficient notice by calling (206) 398-5000, or (206) 398-5086 for TDD users.

Date of Issue: July 16, 2014

Signature:

