



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: Sound Transit is proposing to implement new bus rapid transit (BRT) service along SR 522 and NE 145th Street. This service will operate between Sound Transit's Link light rail Shoreline South/148th Station and a new transit hub to be constructed by the Washington State Department of Transportation at the SR 522/I-405 interchange. Sound Transit proposes to construct 12 BRT transit stations along the nine mile service route, together with three park-and-ride garages (Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park). To facilitate bus speed and reliability, the project would construct road improvements, including new business access and transit (BAT) lanes, bus-only lanes, and bus queue jump lanes, at various locations along approximately four miles of the corridor. In addition, the project would construct/reconstruct sidewalks and driveways in some locations, and would include stormwater infrastructure and landscaping.

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

Location of the Proposal: Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and 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 after April 8, 2021, which is 14 days from the date of issue below.

Availability of Documents: The SEPA checklist, along with technical reports, are available for review at <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/sr-522-ne-145th-brt/documents>. Electronic copies of the checklist and technical reports are available at no charge by contacting Kathy Fendt at (206) 689-4856 or kathy.fendt@soundtransit.org. Paper copies of the technical reports are available for \$15.00.

Comments Due: Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., April 8, 2021. Email comments should be submitted to SR522BRTSEPA@soundtransit.org. Comments may also 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., April 15, 2021, 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

Note that Sound Transit's offices remain closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact Perry Weinberg at the phone number above if you would like to discuss alternative arrangements for delivering an appeal.

Date of Issue: March 25, 2021

Signature: *Perry Weinberg*

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