DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: 356th Drive SE Emergency Slide Repair Project #1136548

Date of Issue: July 30, 2020

Description of Proposal: A historic slide at 356th Drive SE was reactivated following a series of major storms in early 2020. The slide affected an approximately 330-foot-long section of paved roadway, requiring the temporary closure of the downslope lane. As a result, this roadway segment is now posted with a vehicular weight load limit, which is decreased to five tons during 48-hour periods of rain and to 15 tons when conditions are dry. The roadway is a sole-access route for a rural community of approximately 90 residential parcels, making it a high priority for repair to ensure adequate and safe access for residents, emergency personnel, and other services. Vehicular access will be maintained through the construction zone to the extent possible.

The proposed repairs include construction of a soldier pile wall with tiebacks and a stormwater/surficial groundwater interceptor trench with associated drainage features. The project will occur within the King County road right-of-way, as well as on portions of three adjacent private parcels: 1124079029, 2480700200, and 2480700230. The total project area, including stockpiling and staging areas, is anticipated to be approximately 31,592 square feet (0.73 acre). Temporary erosion and sedimentation control (TESC) Best Management Practices (BMPs), as well as permanent site restoration measures, including planting with native vegetation, will be implemented to minimize potential erosion.

King County will acquire a temporary easement for an emergency detour route, if needed. The route occurs on an existing 0.15-mile-long dirt road on a private parcel that connects SE 25th Street to an existing gravel timber haul road belonging to Campbell Global, LLC. The route follows the haul road for approximately 3.5 miles before connecting to Tokul Road SE. King County is funding the project. The total project cost is estimated at approximately $3,200,000 with $2,545,000 estimated for construction.

Location of Proposal: The proposal is located on 356th Drive SE, approximately 0.9 mile north of its intersection with State Route 202 in the community of Spring Glen in unincorporated northeastern King County. The site is located at latitude 47.572675 N, longitude 121.865761 W, in the southeast quarter of Section 11 and the southwest quarter of Section 12 in Township 24N and Range 7E, Willamette Meridian. The location can be found in the Thomas Brothers Guide on page 599, grid cell B3.

Schedule: The project’s construction schedule is dependent on acquisition of permits, approvals, and property needs. It is anticipated that construction of the project would be completed in approximately 55 working days starting in September 2020. Timing for work within critical areas will be limited to what is allowed per the project’s permit and approval conditions. Mitigation planting for unavoidable impacts to site vegetation will generally occur in the fall or winter following construction. Construction work will be performed by a contractor.

Virtual Community Meeting: An online community meeting about project construction is scheduled for August 6, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Information on how to join the meeting is available on the project website at https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/roads/356th-drive-se.aspx. The community meeting will be recorded and made available on the website, or upon request for those unable to attend.
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Proponent and Lead Agency:  King County Department of Local Services, Road Services Division

The lead agency for the proposal determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist (ECL) and other information on file with the lead agency. Copies of the ECL are available on the project website at https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/roads/356th-drive-se.aspx

This DNS is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date of issue, per WAC 197-11-502(3)(b).

Comments and Appeals: Although there is no administrative appeal of this threshold DNS (King County Code 20.44.120), the county welcomes your comments. Any comments regarding this DNS must be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 13, 2020. Comments may be submitted by email (recommended), US mail, or telephone.

All comments received by this deadline will be reviewed by the lead agency. If you have any questions or concerns, or require additional information, please contact Broch Bender, Communications Program Manager.

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