

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. **Background** [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Scriber Creek Trail Improvement Project – Lynnwood Transit Center to Wilcox Park

2. Name of applicant:

City of Lynnwood

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

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5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Lynnwood

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

This checklist covers trail improvements from the Lynnwood Transit Center to Wilcox Park; however, these improvements will be constructed in two phases:

- The first phase from the Lynnwood Transit Center to the vicinity of the Sprague Pond Mini Park will be constructed starting in 2022.
- The timing of the second phase from the Mini Park to Wilcox Park will depend on funding availability.

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

Yes. In the future, the trail will be extended to the north and west from Wilcox Park on a route yet to be determined. This future extension will be covered under a separate SEPA process.

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

- Draft Geotechnical Engineering Report (HWA, February 2020),
- Draft Cultural Resource Review Report (Tierra, September 2019),

- Draft Preliminary Stormwater Design Approach technical memorandum (Parametrix, December 2020), and
- Draft Arborist Report (Layton, January 2020).

Critical areas and drainage studies, endangered species act documentation, and permit applications will be prepared in conjunction with this project during the permitting and final design phase.

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.

These proposed trail improvements connect to the Lynnwood Transit Center where site development permits for Lynnwood Link Extension are pending approval

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

- National Environmental Policy Act Documented Categorical Exclusion
- Endangered Species Act, Section 7
- National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106
- Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nationwide Permit 14
- State Environmental Policy Act
- Washington Department of Ecology, Section 401 Certification
- Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Hydraulic Project Approval
- City of Lynnwood:
 - o Building
 - o Clearing
 - o Critical areas
 - o Grading
 - o Electrical
 - o Stormwater

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.)

Make critically needed upgrades to a 4,000-linear foot section of shared use path from the Lynnwood Transit Center to Wilcox Park. Where at grade, the paved trail will be 12 feet wide with 2-foot wide gravel shoulders. Where on elevated structure, the trail will be 12- to 16- feet wide (handrail to handrail). The project also improves road crossings in 3 locations and reduces motor vehicle lanes in two places to minimize impacts to adjacent areas. Please see SEPA Plan Set.

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 project begins at the west side of the Lynnwood Transit Center where it traverses City-owned Scriber Creek Park. The alignment moves north and west from Scriber Creek Park, along Cedar Valley Road, and 200th St W where it crosses to enter City-owned right-of-way. The trail aligns to the north to enter and move through Scriber Lake Park, where it crosses 196th St W on the north end to enter Wilcox Park at the trail's terminus. The existing and proposed trail alignment primarily traverses publicly owned rights of way and parkland. Please see attached vicinity map and SEPA Plan Set.

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one) Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

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

15 percent

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.

The project alignment is characterized by varying amounts of fill soils underlain by peat (compressible wetland deposits), younger alluvium consisting of mostly sands and gravels with some organic rich mud, and dense advance outwash deposits. Agricultural soils have not been identified.

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

Surface indications of unstable soils were not observed. However, the soft peat and alluvium deposits are subject to consolidation settlements with the application of additional loads. The trail design as it relates to the piles supporting elevated structures and any areas with fill accounts for these soil conditions.

- 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 amount of fill is estimated as up to 1,770 tons (6,300 cubic yards) and occurs to provide a gradual approach to portions of the trail that are on elevated structure. The construction documents will specify that the Contractor use clean fill material meeting certain parameters from an approved source.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Earth disturbing activities during construction could result in erosion to adjacent lower lying areas.

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

The trail surfacing will include asphalt and concrete:

- 26,792 square feet of new impervious surface
- 12,955 square feet of replaced impervious surface

Please note that this does not include grated decking area that is not considered impervious surface. See Draft Preliminary Stormwater Design Approach Technical Memorandum.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

A temporary erosion and sedimentation control (TESC) plan and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be prepared in the future that describe construction best management practices. All required plans will be submitted to the City in the future in conjunction with local permit applications.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Minor dust and air emissions will occur from construction equipment during the construction phase. Once the trail is constructed, no emissions will occur.

- 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:

None

3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Yes. The project crosses two large wetland complexes associated with Scriber Creek and its floodplain (one in Scriber Lake Park and the other in Scriber Creek Park) and skirts Sprague's Pond. Scriber Creek is a tributary to Swamp Creek which flows into the Sammamish River just upstream of Lake Washington.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Yes. The trail traverses both wetlands and crosses Scriber Creek in four locations. As shown in the preliminary plans, the trail is located on elevated structure (bridges and boardwalks) to minimize impacts to these resources. Most of these structures feature an open grate decking to allow some sunlight and water to penetrate.

To avoid inadvertent filling of and spills and runoff to streams and wetlands during construction of the trail, construction best management practices will be followed as described in the TESC plan and SWPPP.

- 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.

Fill is minimized by traversing the wetland areas, stream crossings, and 100-year floodplain via elevated structure. Bridge footings disturb approximately 25 sf of wetlands. However, the footings are located outside the stream channel that defines lower flows. Boardwalk piles, bridge footings, and fill in a few miscellaneous areas result in less than 150 cubic feet of fill in the 100-year floodplain.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Groundwater will not be withdrawn.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Yes. The 100-year floodplain is shown on the SEPA Plan Set for trail development that served as the basis for this SEPA evaluation.

- 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.

The project will not result in discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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 general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: 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 into the ground.

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.

Stormwater runoff from the trail will sheet flow to adjacent wetlands or roadway conveyance system, as described in the Draft Preliminary Stormwater Design Approach Technical Memorandum.

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

The trail is a non-pollution-generating surface.

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

Along most of the alignment, drainage for the trail is designed to match existing drainage patterns. Along 200th St SW, where stormwater runoff from the existing sidewalk flows to the road conveyance system, a portion of the stormwater from the new boardwalk that replaces the sidewalk will be directed to Sprague Pond to the south. No adverse effects are anticipated from the change. Detailed information is provided in the Draft Preliminary Stormwater Design Approach Technical Memorandum.

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

Elevated structures with open grate decking will minimize impacts to wetlands, streams, and the floodplain. Unavoidable impacts to wetlands, wetland buffers, and stream buffers will be mitigated in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements. Unavoidable fill in the 100-year floodplain will be mitigated by providing compensatory flood storage in the vicinity. The project will comply with all permit conditions to minimize impacts on aquatic resources, including impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures required under permits issued in the future by the City of Lynnwood, as well as the Hydraulic Project Approval issued by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

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

deciduous tree: **alder, maple, aspen, other:**

Willows, cottonwoods, elms, dogwood, hawthorn, salmonberry, and poplar are common landscaping trees found within residential and commercial areas adjacent to the alignment. Within the wetlands, dominant tree species include Pacific willow, red alder and black cottonwood. Common trees in upland areas include bigleaf maple, red alder, and black cottonwood.

evergreen tree: **fir, cedar, pine, other:**

Hemlocks, cypress

shrubs:

Himalayan blackberry, Pacific willow, Scouler's willow, honeysuckle twinberry, spiraea hardhack, red-osier dogwood, salmonberry, holly, Indian plum

grass:

Reed canary grass

pasture

crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: **cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other**

Slough sedge, lady fern, water parsley, jewelweed, stinging nettle, bittersweet nightshade

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation:

Noxious weeds: Himalayan blackberry, yellow flag iris, reed canarygrass, spotted jewelweed, and Japanese knotweed

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

Vegetation impacts will be both permanent and temporary and will result from shifting the trail alignment, installing piers to support the boardwalk, clearing and grading, and vegetation conversion. Vegetation impacts were avoided and minimized by using much of the footprint of the existing trail, reducing lanes on 200th Street SW to avoid impacting vegetation on 200th St. SW adjacent to Sprague Pond Mini Park, and using open grate decking, which allows light to pass through to support herbaceous vegetation. Near the Lynnwood Transit Center, shifting the trail from the current alignment through the wetland complex was necessary to establish a visual buffer between the trail and adjacent residential units.

New trail within the wetland buffer will result in permanent impacts (approx. 25,000 sf) to largely non-native and invasive herbaceous and shrub vegetation, consisting of lawn grasses, Japanese knotweed, and Himalayan blackberry, and salmonberry. Permanent impacts to vegetation resulting from the boardwalk piers and bridge footings is minimal (approx. 25 sf) and include native and non-native herbaceous and shrub species, such as skunk cabbage, water parsley, reed canarygrass, and salmonberry. Temporary wetland (approx. 75 sf) and temporary buffer impacts (approx. 8,500 sf) will occur as result of clearing and grading activities adjacent to the proposed alignment, consisting mainly of lawn grasses. Because the alignment of the trail will be shifted, approx. 7,500 sf of scrub-shrub and forested wetland vegetation, such as Himalayan blackberry and Pacific willow, that is within the proposed alignment will be converted to herbaceous vegetation as the boardwalk will preclude establishment of shrubs and trees. While impacts to vegetation will be minimized by using open grate decking, some shading will occur that may affect herbaceous species growing underneath the boardwalk (approx. 13,600 sf shading impact).

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

No threatened or endangered species occur within or near the project area.

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

The project applied mitigation sequencing to avoid, minimize, rectify and compensate for impacts to critical areas and their buffer, as previous described.

All temporarily disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction or better conditions. Replanting within adjacent to the trail will take other objectives into account the safety and security of its users as well as its visual impacts on residential housing that overlooks the trail.

Permanent impacts to buffers and wetlands, including conversion of scrub-shrub wetland to herbaceous wetland, will be mitigated through enhancement of buffer and wetland within the Scriber Creek Park and Scriber Lake Park. These two parks offer ample enhancement opportunities due to the abundance of non-native invasive species, such as reed canarygrass, Himalayan blackberry, Japanese knotweed, spotted jewelweed, and yellow flag iris.

To prevent the further spread of noxious weeds and other invasive species into other areas of the site, protocols for construction sites developed by the Washington Invasive Species Council will be followed:

- Avoid moving weed-infested gravel, rock, and other fill materials to relatively weed-free locations. Gravel and fill should come from weed-free sources. Inspect gravel pits and fill sources to identify weed-free sources.
- Identify existing noxious weeds along access roads and control them before equipment moves into relatively weed-free areas.
- Minimize the removal of roadside vegetation during construction, maintenance, and other ground-disturbing activities.
- Use only certified, weed-free straw and mulch for erosion control projects. Consider the use of weed-free fiber roll barriers or sediment logs.
- Keep construction sites that are in relatively weed-free areas closed to vehicles that are not involved with construction.
- Provide training to management and workers on the identification of noxious weeds, the importance of noxious weed control, and measures to minimize their spread.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Himalayan blackberry, yellow flag iris, reed canarygrass, spotted jewelweed, and Japanese knotweed

5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

a. List any birds and other animals which 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 _____

According to the WDFW SalmonScape mapping system, resident coastal cutthroat trout have been documented in Scriber Creek in the project area. Several other salmonids (coho salmon, Chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout) may have been present historically. Under current conditions, however, downstream fish passage barriers prevent these species from entering the reach of Scriber Creek in the project area.

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

According to the WDFW SalmonScape mapping system, no ESA-listed fish species are currently known or expected to use habitats in Scriber Creek.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation tool identifies several ESA listed wildlife species as potentially occurring at or near the project site. The project area does not provide suitable habitat for any of those species, however, and the WDFW Priority

Habitats and Species program does not include any observations of any ESA-listed wildlife species within 2 miles of the project area.

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

Based on the presence of downstream barriers to fish passage, Scriber Creek in the project area is not a migratory route for anadromous salmonids.

The project area does not include any formally identified migration routes for wildlife. However, the strip of relatively undeveloped land along Scriber Creek and in the neighboring parks may be used as movement corridors by many species of wildlife. In areas of widespread urbanization, such as the area surrounding the project site, riparian areas along the streams may serve as connective corridors between pockets of wildlife habitat.

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

Restoration of temporary impact areas and compensatory enhancement mitigation will improve habitat for wildlife through removal of non-native, invasive plant species and revegetation with native plants. The project will comply with all permit conditions to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife, including impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures required under permits issued by the City of Lynnwood, as well as the Hydraulic Project Approval issued by WDFW. To minimize the risk of harm to species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the City of Lynnwood will consult with staff from WDFW or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about measures to conserve migratory birds and their nests.

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

No invasive animal species have been documented at or near the site.

6. **Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

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.

None

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

No

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 proposed. The trail itself offers a non-motorized transportation alternative.

7. **Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

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

None

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

None identified

- 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.

None identified

- 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.

A stormwater pollution prevention plan will be developed in conjunction with trail construction.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No special emergency services are anticipated.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None are proposed.

b. Noise

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

Traffic noise; future light rail 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.

Construction noise; sound of people using the trail

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

No measure proposed.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- 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 trail is sited primarily on park property and public road right of way; however, some acquisition is needed:

- Acquisition of a narrow strip of two private parcels on the south side of S 200th St is necessary to accommodate the trail. One is vacant, but businesses are located on a portion of the second parcel. While the businesses will not be directly impact, the trail may reduce parking on the north side of the building.
- Acquisition of a narrow strip of a private parcel southwest of the Lynnwood Transit Center is necessary to accommodate the trail. This parcel is vacant.
- Depending on further design, acquisition may be required on two corners of the intersection of 200th St SW and Cedar Valley Road to accommodate accessibility improvements. These acquisitions will not affect existing uses.

- 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 as a result 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?

No

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Business on SW corner of Cedar Valley Rd/200th St SW

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

P-1 Public (through parks), NC – Neighborhood Commercial (along south side of 200th St SW), RMM – Multiple Residential Medium Density (approach to the Lynnwood Transit Center), and BTP – Business/Technical Park (approach to the Lynnwood Transit Center)

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Parks, Recreation, Open Space; Local Commercial; Medium Density Multi-Family; and Business/Technical Park

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

The City of Lynnwood's wetland, and stream, and frequently flooded areas maps identify Scriber Creek and its associated wetlands and the floodplain within the project site.

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 measures proposed because there are no displacements.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The trail improves public access to and enjoyment of public parklands and provides a nonmotorized transportation alternative to accessing the Lynnwood Transit Center and future light rail station, consistent with the City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

None needed

9. **Housing** [\[help\]](#)

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 [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Bridges and boardwalks will be located 1 to 8 feet above existing ground surface, depending on location. Handrails will be 40 inches tall and could be fiberglass reinforced plastic, steel, or aluminum. The most publicly prominent of these elevated structures will be on the south side of 200th SW.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Views looking to the north across Sprague's Pond will be altered by the removal of vegetation on the north bank. However, some view opportunities will be created from the boardwalk to the pond by the vegetation removal.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

The amount of vegetation removal on the north side of Sprague's Pond is minimized by narrowing travel lanes and eliminating the bike lane on 200th St SW and by using a boardwalk rather than fill, allowing bank vegetation under the boardwalk.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Illumination is proposed for the trail segment with Scriber Creek Park. Fixtures are proposed to be on timers, accommodating year-round commuter use of the trail in the early morning and evening hours. The lights will be shielded to illuminate the trail but limit broadcast over streams and wetlands and to adjacent residential properties.

The trail will otherwise not produce any glare.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No

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

Headlights from adjacent motor vehicle traffic may affect trail users.

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

The trail is separated from travel lanes by a planter strip, reducing light impacts.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

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

The trail is located in and adjacent to four parks: Wilcox Park, Scriber Lake Park, Sprague's Pond Mini Park, and Scriber Creek Park. The trail connects to the Interurban Trail southeast of the Lynnwood Transit Center.

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

No. The project will enhance access to these recreational uses. A portion of Scriber Lake Park was purchased with Land and Water Conservation Funds. The Washington Recreation and Conservation Office has confirmed that the trail is compatible with the intended recreational use.

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

The trail will make connections to other paths within the parks.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Based on desktop review of available literature, there are no recorded National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible or listed properties, ecological sites, or cemeteries within or near the project area. Please refer to the Draft Cultural Resources Review Report for additional information.

- 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.

No such evidence has been identified.

- 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.

Thus far, a desktop review of the project location was completed. The literature reviewed included environmental data from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Department of Agriculture online soil survey, archaeological studies, ethnographic accounts, and historical records. Please refer to the Draft Cultural Resources Review Report for a summary of the work completed to date.

- 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 adverse effects are anticipated based on the desktop review. However, the report includes recommendations for future actions including pedestrian survey and subsurface testing for a portion of the alignment to determine if there are any archaeological sites or historic properties present and a project-specific inadvertent discovery plan during construction. With federal funding, the project will also comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and undergo a consultation process the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the tribes.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

196th St SW, 200th St SW, Cedar Valley Road

- 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?

196th St SW, 200th St SW, and some intersecting streets are served by transit. The closest bus stops are in the Lynnwood Transit Center, along 200th St SW near the intersections with 50th Ave W and 52nd Pl W, and along 196th St SW near the intersection with 52nd Ave W.

Lynnwood Link Extension will begin service in 2024.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

No new parking is proposed with the trail project. Trail users will be able to park at existing parking at the four parks. Two parking spots may be eliminated at the business on the southwest corner of 200th St SW and Cedar Valley Rd.

- d. 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).

The project is a new nonmotorized transportation facility. Where it crosses existing roadways, the crossings will be improved:

- The signalized intersection of 196th St SW and 52nd Ave W will be improved for ADA access.
- The crossing of 200th St SW near the entrance to the Sprague's Pond Mini Park will be improved with a pedestrian-activated signal.
- The signalized intersection of 200th St SW and Cedar Valley Road will be improved for ADA access.

Where the trail parallels several of the roadways, the following changes to the roads are proposed:

- The motor vehicle travel lanes on 200th St SW will be narrowed and the bicycle lanes on the south side eliminated to better fit the trail on the south side of the road, while minimizing impacts to Sprague's Pond.
- A southbound motor vehicle travel lane on 50th Ave W will be eliminated, and the intersection will be rechannelized to better fit the trail on the east side of Cedar Valley Road while avoiding impacts to Scriber Creek.

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

The trail occurs in the vicinity of the future light rail station and existing Lynnwood Transit Center. The trail will allow users to access the light rail station and buses at the transit center on foot or by bicycle.

f. 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?

An objective is to reduce vehicle trips to the light rail station and bus transit center by offering a nonmotorized transportation alternative.

g. 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

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Proposed changes in lane configuration have been reviewed and approved by City traffic engineers. The trail design is being coordinated with Sound Transit's design at the point of connection.

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

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.

Trail users could require emergency services.

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

The trail design has been discussed with local law enforcement to determine if additional measures are needed. None were identified.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

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

Portions of the trail will be illuminated with power provided by Snohomish County PUD.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

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.

Signature: Monica Thompson

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Date Submitted: 12/8/2020

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.