

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
POPLAR WAY EXTENSION BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
(File No. ERC-002666-2015)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Poplar Way Extension Bridge (ERC-002666-2015): Construction of a vehicle bridge across Interstate 5 between 33rd Avenue W. and Poplar Way in Lynnwood, WA. The project will involve constructing a four-lane roadway with turn lanes, sidewalk, curb and gutter and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Supporting approach work will also be done on Alderwood Mall Boulevard and 196th Street SW. A concrete box will be provided on a portion of the Interurban Trail. There will be approximately 6,130 cubic yards of cut and 21,168 cubic yards of fill

Impacts from construction of the bridge will include purchase of specified land from adjacent property owners and traffic impacts.

PROPONENT:

City of Lynnwood Public Works
Nicholas Barnett, P.E.
Project Manager
PO Box 5008
Lynnwood, WA. 98046

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LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:

The project is located between 33rd Avenue West and Poplar Way where it intersects 196th Street SW., across I-5 with approach work on Alderwood Mall Boulevard and 196th Street SW.

LEAD AGENCY:

City of Lynnwood
Community Development Department
4114 198th Street SW, Suite 7
P.O. Box 5008
Lynnwood, WA 98046

Contact: (425) 670-5410

STAFF CONTACT:

For general information about the SEPA process, additional information about this determination or on the appeal process for this determination, please contact:

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ACTIVITY NUMBERS:

ERC-002666-2015

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Current site is relatively flat. Adjacent land uses include Interstate 5 and retail uses.

PERMITS REQUIRED:

Permits required, as known at the time of application:

- - Right-of-way use permit
- - Clearing & Grading Permit,
- - Building Permits for structures and electrical inspections,
- - Tree removal permits (City of Lynnwood);
- - NEPA(review by WSDOT);
- - Storm Water General permit under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (PDES) (Washington State Department of Ecology)

DETERMINATION:

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 a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. City of Lynnwood codes governing noise control, land-use performance standards, construction and improvement of streets and roads, drainage control, fire protection and building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

This Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). This determination is issued on the basis of compliance of the proposal with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and standards and does not modify or waive any such law, regulation or standard. This MDNS is issued also on the basis of this proposal complying with all applicable Lynnwood Municipal Code (LMC) regulations and standards of the City.

1. LMC Ch. 17.05 Environment – General Policy Section 17.05.020 - Earth
2. Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Policies LU-1.2
3. Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element
4. Comprehensive Plan – Capital Facilities and Utilities Element – Policies 1.2, 1.4, 7.2 & 7, 9.
5. Comprehensive Plan – Environmental Resources Element – Policy ER- 3.1 & 3.2.

ADVERSE IMPACTS

A. Impacts to Adjacent Property Owners with encroachment on specific properties. Property owners will be compensated by reimbursement from the City based on fair market value.

B. Increased traffic will be realized at the Alderwood Mall Boulevard/33rd Ave W and the Poplar Way/196th St SW intersections. Providing an additional crossing of I-5 will have multiple beneficial effects to the City Center roadway system and the I-5/196th Street Interchange. The increased crossing capacity will help redistribute traffic and alleviate congestion on the nearby existing I-5 crossings, the 196th Street overcrossing and the Alderwood Mall Parkway overcrossing. It will also help redistribute traffic to more underutilized streets and help to maintain the efficiency of the City Center streets. By alleviating congestion on the 196th Street overcrossing, the project will also help improve safety and operations at the I-5/196th Street Interchange.

Inclusion of dedicated turn lanes and coordinated traffic signals will maximize traffic flow efficiency through the new Poplar Way corridor.

COMMENT PERIOD:

If there is new information or changes to the proposal after issuance of the MDNS and prior to issuance of any required permit or approval indicating that the proposal will have probable significant adverse impacts, a new threshold determination will be required.

The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date of issue. Comments must be submitted by **July 8, 2015 to the staff contact listed above**. This MDNS becomes final at **4:00 PM on July 22, 2015**, unless the determination is withdrawn or amended by the City's SEPA Responsible Official (below).

APPEAL:

You may appeal this determination by submitting a letter stating the basis for the appeal to the City of Lynnwood Community Development Department at 4114 198th St SW, Suite 7, P.O. Box 5008 Lynnwood, WA 98046-5008. An appeal may be submitted only after the close of the comment period but no later than **4:00 PM on July 22, 2015**, which is 14 days from the end of the comment period. If you choose to appeal, you should be prepared to make specific factual objections to this determination. The fee for an appeal is as set forth in LMC 3.104.

Contact the City of Lynnwood Department of Community Development staff contact listed above to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

DATE OF ISSUE: June 23, 2015

DATE OF SIGNATURE: June 19, 2015



Paul Krauss, AICP

VOLUNTARY OFFERS AND APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

This threshold determination was reached on the basis of the plans, supporting documents, calculations and agreements contained in the voluntary submittals associated with activity number(s) ERC-002666-2015 and SEPA review. Specifically:

1. Environmental Checklist prepared by Jason Walker of Pertee Engineers submitted April 9, 2015.
2. Poplar Way Extension Bridge plans, received April 9, 2015.

The voluntary offers and environmental documents listed above were considered and evaluated as part of this threshold determination.

DISCLAIMER:

The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. City of Lynnwood codes governing traffic control, land-use performance standards, construction and improvement of streets and roads, drainage control, environmental protection, fire protection and building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this MDNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. The City of Lynnwood reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interests of the City and/or necessary for the general health, safety and welfare of the public to do so.

Individual projects allowed under non-project actions will be reviewed in advance of planned construction to determine if SEPA review is required. Projects requiring SEPA review will be evaluated to identify any probable adverse environmental impacts and identify measures necessary to mitigate those impacts.

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