Determination of NONSIGNIFICANCE
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PROJECT:
NE 94th Avenue, NE Padden Parkway to NE 99th Street Improvement
CRP No. 350822

Notice Date: February 13, 2015

Please find enclosed an environmental Determination of Non Significance (DNS) issued pursuant to State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules (Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code). The enclosed review comments reflect evaluation of the environmental checklist by the lead agency as required by WAC 197-11-330(1)(a)(i).

Written comments may be submitted on this determination within fifteen (15) days of its issuance, after which the DNS will be reconsidered in light of the comments received.

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Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Ecology
Dept. of Natural Resources SW Washington
Washington Department of Transportation
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Regional Agencies:
SW Washington Health District
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Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation

Local Agencies:
City of Vancouver
Clark County Conservation District
Clark Public Utilities - Water
Clark Public Utilities - Electric
Clark County Board of Councillors
Clark County Community Development Administration
Development Services
Fire Marshall's Office
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Clark County Department of Environmental Services
Evergreen School District 114
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Special Purpose:
Clark County Fire District No. 5

Other:
The Columbian

Neighborhood & Homeowner Assoc.
Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
Properties within 300' of project (postcard only)

Special Purpose Agencies:
Comcast Cable Services
Quest
Northwest Natural
Clark Regional Wastewater District
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Confederated Tribes of the Yakima Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: The NE 94th Avenue, NE Padden Parkway to NE 99th Street Improvement Project will add left turn lanes and deceleration lanes to all four legs of the Padden Parkway/94th Avenue intersection. Two northbound and southbound 12 foot lanes, a center left turn lane and a sidewalk will be constructed on 94th Avenue. Bio-retention cells will be added throughout the project limits for the treatment of stormwater. No wetlands or sensitive areas will be impacted.

Proponent: Clark County Department of Public Works

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: NE 94th Avenue from Padden Parkway to 99th Street, Clark County, WA. T2N R2E Sections 4 and 5; T3N, R2E Section 33 W.M.

Lead Agency: Department of Public Works, Clark County, Washington

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 lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below.

Comments must be submitted by February 28, 2015

Responsible Official: Tom Grange, P.E.

Position/title: Engineering and Construction Division Manager

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Date: 2/3/15 Signature: [Signature]

The staff contact person, telephone number, and e-mail for any questions on this review is Jennifer Taylor, 360-397-2121, extension 4227, jennifer.taylor@clark.wa.gov.
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project:
   NE 94th Avenue, NE Padden Parkway to NE 99th Street Improvement

2. Name of applicant:
   Clark County Environmental Services

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person.
   Clark County Environmental Services
   1300 Franklin Street
   PO Box 9810
   Vancouver, WA 98666-9810
   Phone: (360) 397-2121, ext. 4227
   Contact: Jennifer Taylor

4. Date checklist prepared:
   January 29, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist:
   Clark County Public Works

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
   Construction is planned for the Spring of 2015 through the Summer of 2016

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

   There are no activities or expansions related to this project. Roadway improvement projects involving 94th
   Avenue have been identified in Clark County’s short and long range transportation planning analyses.

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

   The following documents have or will be prepared for this project: Hazardous Materials Report, Archaeological

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.

   There are no known applications pending government approval in the project area.

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

    NEPA approval issued by FHWA.
    No other permits or approvals are needed.
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.

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12. Location of the proposal.

NE 94th Avenue from Padden Parkway to 99th Street, Clark County, WA. T2N R2E Sections 4 and 5; T3N, R2E Section 33 W.M. See attached vicinity map.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.

The vast majority of the project site is flat with slopes at 0 to 5%.

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

The steepest slope is approximately 5%.

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 prime farmland.

Soils in the project area are dominated by Sifton gravelly loam.

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

Clark County Critical Areas GIS data does not show any severe erosion hazards or unstable slopes within the project area.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Approximately 11.3 acres of ground disturbance will be necessary to create the new roadway surface, stormwater facilities, relocate utilities, and provide a suitable substrate for landscaping.

Approximately 21,820 cubic yards of excavation and 1380 cubic yards of fill will be needed to construct the improved roadway. Fill material will come from a permitted facility determined by the contractor and approved by the County Engineer.

The majority of excavated material will be reused as fill within the project. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of material will be taken to a commercial disposal site and/or a fully-permitted project site.
f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Project plans will incorporate sediment and erosion control measures to reduce the amount of erosion and decrease the amount of turbidity in stormwater runoff. These measures may include but are not limited to silt fence, check dams, straw wattles, and inlet protection. These measures will be monitored for effectiveness during construction and will be repaired or replaced to maintain performance.

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

The project will increase the amount of impervious surface of the roadway by 3 acres, from 9.2 acres to 12.2 acres.

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

The contractor will be required to implement an erosion control plan complying with the Clark County Erosion Control Ordinance during construction.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

There may be a negligible amount of dust resulting from the use of construction/delivery vehicles during project activities. The project is not expected to result in any long-term air emission increases.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

There are no sources of off-site emissions or odor that will affect this project.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

During construction, the contractor will be required to shut off all idle equipment. Construction equipment is required by law to have in place and functional the emission control devices they were equipped with at the time of their manufacture. Also, common construction dust control practices will be addressed in the plans and implemented by the contractor.

3. Water

a. Surface:

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.

There are no surface water bodies in the immediate vicinity of the construction project.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described water? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
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There will be no in water work associated with this project.

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.

No fill or dredged material will be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands.

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

No, there will be no surface water withdrawals or diversions.

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

No, the project is not located within a 100 year flood plain.

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.

There will be no discharges of waste materials to surface waters during active construction.

b. Ground Water:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

The construction of the bio-retention cells for stormwater treatment will require excavation of depths of up to 4 feet below existing surface elevation. Groundwater has been located at 25-35 feet below the ground surface. If groundwater is encountered when excavating the stormwater facility, water from the work area will be pumped and treated before discharge to an upland area or be disposed of off site.

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.

This project will not discharge any waste material into the ground.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

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 management for the project has been designed to meet Clark County Stormwater and Erosion Ordinance (Chapter 40.385), and the Ecology’s Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (Ecology, 2012). Stormwater sheetflows off the roadway then infiltrates into roadside vegetation and rain gardens. Stormwater encountered during construction will be managed using appropriate BMPs such as wattles or silt fence. Stormwater will be treated by bio-retention cells throughout the project. Stormwater is treated along Padden Parkway through biofiltration swales.
2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The proposed project will not generate any waste materials that will be disposed on-site. No impacts to groundwater are anticipated.

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

The contractor will be required to implement an erosion control plan complying with the Clark County Erosion Control Ordinance during construction. The contractor is also required to prepare a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan to be used for the duration of the project. The SPCC plan shall identify construction-planning elements and recognize potential spill sources at the site. The plan shall outline responsive actions in the event of a spill or release and shall identify notification and reporting procedures. The plan shall also outline contractor management elements such as personnel responsibilities, project site security, site inspections, and training.

4. Plants

a. List or circle types of vegetation found on the site.

Roadside grasses, landscaping associated with Padden Parkway and residential lawns are the primary vegetation within the project area.

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

The project will require 11.3 acres of ground disturbance. A total of 4.1 acres of the disturbed area is existing vegetation, most of which is lawns or landscaping.

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

No suitable habitat for species exists within the project limits. No federally threatened or endangered plant species have been observed in the project area. There is no federally protected habitat on the site.

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

During construction, vegetation will be preserved to the extent possible. Following construction, areas disturbed by construction activities will be restored with native plant species. A native seed mix will be used in all disturbed areas to help stabilize the soil.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

**Birds:** The site can be expected to provide habitat resources for a limited number of resident and migratory songbirds typical of urban and semi-rural landscapes.

**Mammals:** The site can be expected to contain a few species of small mammals and rodents typical of urban and semi-rural landscapes.

**Fish:** There is no fish habitat present within the project area.
b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No threatened or endangered species are known to be on or near the site.

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

The site is within the Pacific Flyway, a large migratory bird corridor.

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

Stormwater facilities will be planted with species recommended by the Department of Ecology in the Western Washington Stormwater Management Manual (Ecology 2012).

6. Energy and Natural Resources

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.

This project has no long term energy needs. Diesel and gasoline will be used by construction vehicles and equipment and by workers accessing the site.

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 are proposed at this time.

7. Environmental Health

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.

The proposed project will increase, in the short term, the potential for environmental health hazards at the project site. The increased risks will result from the presence of hazardous materials (e.g., diesel fuel, gasoline, oil, hydraulic fluid, etc.) associated with equipment and vehicles.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

The emergency services and procedures for any environmental health hazards are already in place through the local fire district and mutual aid agreements with other agencies.

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

The contractor will be required to prepare a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan to be used for the duration of the project. The SPCC plan shall identify construction-planning elements and recognize potential spill sources at the site.
The plan shall outline responsive actions in the event of a spill or release and shall identify notification and reporting procedures. The plan shall also outline contractor management elements such as personnel responsibilities, project site security, site inspections and training. All hazardous waste will be disposed of at a licensed/permitted facility.

The contractor will include information regarding the potential to encounter contamination from adjacent property known as the Leichner Landfill that is under a consent decree with the Washington State Department of Ecology.

b. Noise

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

There is no noise in the area that will affect the project. An existing noise barrier will be modified during construction.

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.

Short term noise will be generated during construction by heavy machinery. Construction will involve clearing, cut and fill activities, removing the old roadbed, and paving. Construction activities would be limited to the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

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

Short term noise may be generated during construction and will be regulated through the County Public Disturbance Noises Ordinance (Chapter 9.14 Clark County Code). Short term mitigation measures include restricting construction hours and requiring the contractor to shut down idling equipment and to maintain the noise limiting devices (mufflers) on the construction equipment.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Current uses of the properties are a publicly-owned roadway and private residences. Adjacent property was used as a landfill that ceased operations in 1991 and a historic auto body repair shop that is no longer in business.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

The site is currently a roadway with fronting residential properties.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Existing structures within county right-of-way include utility lines, signs, and driveway approaches. Two residential properties were purchased for this project.
d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Driveway approaches to properties will be slightly modified to meet the grade of the roadway improvements. Residential structures on two properties will be demolished.

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

The area is zoned R1-7.5

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

The comprehensive plan designation for the surrounding area is Urban Low Density Residential.

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 an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

No, there are no environmentally sensitive areas within the site boundaries.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

This is a road improvement project. The project does not propose the construction of residential or commercial property.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Clark County followed the Federal Uniform Act to relocate the tenants. Two homes were purchased. One home was owner occupied and the occupants were relocated. One home was a rental and the occupants were relocated.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Various designs for the roadway, sidewalk and stormwater facilities were evaluated in an effort to reduce impacts.

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

The proposed road improvement project is compatible with the regional road plan and the Clark County Comprehensive Plan.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

No additional housing will be provided. This is a road improvement project.
b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Two homes were purchased. One home was owner occupied and the occupants were relocated. One home was a rental and the tenants were relocated.

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

The project was designed to minimize impacts to residential properties along the roadway.

10. Aesthetics

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

No buildings will be constructed. An existing wall will be relocated approximately 20 feet and an existing earth berm will be modified.

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

No views would be obstructed.

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

Disturbed areas will be reseeded or replanted with native vegetation.

11. Light and Glare

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

No light or glare will be produced by this project.

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

No. This project will not add light or interfere with views. This project will improve safety by having marked travelled lanes and a sidewalk.

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

There are no off-site sources of light or glare that will affect the proposed project.

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

Reduction measures are not necessary because no light or glare will be caused by this project.

12. Recreation

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

A pedestrian transportation feature that was constructed as part of the Padden Parkway Project will be modified to accommodate the new turn lanes.
b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Approximately 100 feet of the pedestrian transportation feature will be moved 10 feet south of its existing location. The project will not permanently displace any existing recreational uses. Access for pedestrians will be maintained through the project area during construction.

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

Pedestrian access will be maintained during construction.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

A cultural resources survey, completed in June 2014, concluded that there are no known national, state or local preservation eligible properties within the project area.

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

No landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific or cultural importance are known to be in the project vicinity.

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

There are no impacts, therefore measures to reduce impacts are not required. As required by state law, if any cultural resources and/or human remains are discovered in the course of undertaking the development activity, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in Olympia and Clark County Community Development shall be notified.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The major roadways that provide access to the project location are Interstate 205 to the west and State Route 503 to the east. There are numerous existing arterials and streets that can be used to access the project location.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

There is a CTran stop to the south of the project near the 76th Street.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

This proposal will not eliminate or add public parking along any streets.
d. Will the proposals require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

This project will provide the following roadway improvements on 94th Avenue: two northbound and southbound 12-foot travel lanes, a center left turn lane and a sidewalk.

This project will provide acceleration and deceleration lanes at the 94th Avenue/Padden Parkway Intersection.

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

No.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

The goal of the project is to improve both driver and pedestrian safety along 94th Avenue and at the 94th Avenue/Padden Parkway Intersection. The project will not generate traffic.

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

A traffic control management plan will be developed for the project. This plan may include single lane closures and flaggers to direct traffic through the work area.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No additional need for public service is anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

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

No measures are proposed because no impacts to public services are expected.

16. Utilities

a. List utilities currently available at the site:

Water, electric power, sanitary sewer, telephone, cable, and natural gas.

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.

Electric, phone, cable, water, natural gas, and sanitary sewer utilities are within the road right-of-way. The aforementioned will need to move and/or adjust the location and/or depth of their utilities.
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: [Signature]

Date Submitted: January 29, 2015
NE 94th Ave/NE Padden Parkway Approximate Project