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Planning Commission Recommendations to the Clark County Board of County Councilors

FROM: Ron Barca, Vice Chair
Clark County Planning Commission

PREPARED BY: Matt Hermen, Planner III, AICP CTP

DATE: November 28, 2017

SUBJECT: CPZ2017-00003 Arterial Atlas Text

RECOMMENDATION: **Approval** to amend the Arterial Atlas to add language regarding the process for amendments.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission heard this matter on September 21, 2017 and recommended **approval** of the proposed Arterial Atlas text by a vote of 4-0.

Background

The Arterial Atlas unites the long-range roadway system plan with the land use plan for Clark County. It is an outcome of Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, which sets the course for future growth in our community and promotes strong linkages between transportation and land use. The Arterial Atlas provides guidance for developing a roadway system that will help fulfill the objectives of the comprehensive plan.

The proposal is to add text to the Arterial Atlas that describes the process and procedures for amending the Arterial Atlas within the document. The intention of the additional text is to connect the document to the Clark County Code in a user-friendly manner.

General Information

The proposal would add the following language to preface of the Arterial Atlas:

Amendments to the Arterial Atlas

Arterial Atlas amendments shall be accomplished through the changes initiated and approved by the county. Arterial Atlas Amendments are Type IV processes as legislative decisions with public hearings to the Planning Commission and Board of County Councilors. These changes to the Arterial Atlas may occur as part of the periodic review update, consistent with RCW 36.70A.130, or as part of annual changes to the plan once per calendar year, or as part of emergency amendments which may be brought forward at any time, subject to applicable provisions.

Arterial Atlas amendments may be approved only when all of the provisions of CCC 40.560.010(O) are met.

Location: The Arterial Atlas applies to the entire Unincorporated Clark County.

1. APPLICABLE CRITERIA, EVALUATION OF REQUEST AND FINDINGS

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(a) . There is a need for the proposed change

Finding: A change is needed to inform readers of the process and procedures for amendments to the Arterial Atlas.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(b) . The proposed change is compliant with the Growth Management Act.

The GMA goals set the general direction for the county in adopting its framework plan and comprehensive plan policies. The most pertinent GMA goals that apply to this proposal are Goals 3 and 12:

(3) Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans.

(12) Public Facilities and Services. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

Finding: The proposed text amendment provides an important link with the planned transportation system and the procedural amendments that support regional priorities and coordination. Goal 12 addresses concurrent development of infrastructure. The proposed text amendment associates the procedural requirements when development plans change.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(c) . The proposed change is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan, including the land use plan and the rest of the Arterial Atlas.

The Clark County Comprehensive Plan contains many policies that guide urban form and efficient land use patterns. The most relevant goals and policies applicable to this application are as follows:

Chapter 5 Transportation Element:

GOAL: Develop a regionally-coordinated transportation system that supports and is consistent with the adopted land use plan.

GOAL: Ensure mobility throughout the transportation system.

Finding: This proposal has no impact on the Goals of the Clark County Comprehensive Plan. It will provide information on the process and procedures to amend the Arterial Atlas, which are

currently shown in the Clark County Code. The Arteria Atlas will continue to develop and improve an interconnected transportation system, that ensure mobility in Clark County.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(d) . The proposed change is consistent with applicable interlocal agreements; and

Finding: There are no interlocal agreements which directly apply to this proposal.

Criteria CCC 40.560.010(O)(2)(e) . The proposed change does not conflict with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Finding: There is no conflict with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan and this proposal

2. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

All of the criteria for approval of an Arterial Atlas amendment have been met.

Based upon the findings presented in this report, the Planning Commission forwards a recommendation to **APPROVE** this proposal.

Recommendation Summary

The following table lists the applicable criteria and summarizes the findings of the staff report. The Planning Commission findings have been added to the table after public deliberation at the Planning Commission hearing.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE CRITERIA	Criteria Met?	
	Staff Report	Planning Commission Findings
Criteria for Arterial Atlas Changes		
1. Need for Change	Yes	Yes
2. Compliance with GMA	Yes	Yes
3. Consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan	Yes	Yes
4. Consistency with applicable interlocal agreements	Yes	Yes
5. Consistency with adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan	Yes	Yes
Recommendation:	Approve	Approve

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clark County Board of County Councilors will conduct a public hearing on **Dec. 12, 2017 at 10 a.m.**, at the locations listed below, to consider the following items:

2017 Annual Reviews and Dockets amending the 20-Year Growth Management Comprehensive Plan Map and Zone Map:

PUBLIC HEARING on December 12, 2017

LOCATION: Public Services Building, Councilors Hearing Room,
6th Floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

- 1. CPZ2017-00001 NE 72nd Ave /NE 119th St:** A proposal to create a circulation plan for the intersection of NE 72nd Ave and NE 119th St.
- 2. CPZ2017-00002 NE 107th St.:** A proposal to re-align the extension of NE 107th St., from SR-503 to NE 152th Ave.
- 3. CPZ2017-00003 Arterial Atlas:** A proposal to amend the arterial atlas, to include language that explains the amendment process.
- 4. CPZ2017-00018 Kerr Road:** A proposal to consider removing Kerr Road, from NE 124th Avenue to NE 131st Avenue, from the arterial atlas.

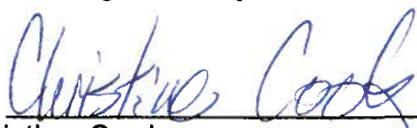
Staff Contact: Matt.Hermen@clark.wa.gov or (360) 397-2280 x4343

The staff report, related materials and hearing agenda will be available 15 days prior to the hearing date on the Community Planning's web page at <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning>. Copies are also available at Clark County Community Planning, 1300 Franklin Street, 3rd Floor, Vancouver, Washington. Anyone wishing to give testimony in person regarding this matter should appear at the time and place stated above. Anyone wishing to provide testimony by a written statement may do so by mailing Linnea LaRocque at P.O Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666.

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS


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From: Hermen, Matt
To: ["Dave Weston"](#)
Cc: [Schroader, Kathy](#)
Subject: RE: Notice of DNS & SEPA Checklist
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:22:00 AM

Good Morning Dave,

Please find the link to the proposed Arterial Atlas text here:
<https://www.clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/dept/files/community-planning/Transportation/Proposed%20Amendment.pdf>

If the Board approves this amendment it will be printed in the 2018 Arterial Atlas. The proposal, for this SEPA, is to formally add the text detailing the existing procedures to amend the Arterial Atlas. So the processes and procedures are currently in place today. The intent of the additional language is merely to be more user friendly for the reader.

Thanks,



Matt Hermen, AICP CTP
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From: Schroader, Kathy
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Hermen, Matt
Subject: FW: Notice of DNS & SEPA Checklist

FYI



Kathy Schroader

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From: Dave Weston [<mailto:DaveW@aks-eng.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Schroader, Kathy
Subject: RE: Notice of DNS & SEPA Checklist

Hello Kathy,

Will you please direct me to the proposed arterial atlas? Also, if approved when would this take effect?

Thank you,

Dave Weston
Land Use Planner



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From: Schroader, Kathy [<mailto:Kathy.Schroader@clark.wa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Schroader, Kathy <Kathy.Schroader@clark.wa.gov>
Cc: Wisner, Sonja <Sonja.Wisner@clark.wa.gov>; Hermen, Matt <Matt.Hermen@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: Notice of DNS & SEPA Checklist

Clark County issued a determination of non-significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC) for the following project: CPZ2017-00003 Arterial Atlas Text proposed by Clark County. After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the agency, Clark County has determined this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

Attached to this email are the Determination of Non-Significance, the SEPA Checklist and the proposed amendment to CCC 40.350.020.

Thank you,



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To: ["gabriel364@aol.com"](mailto:gabriel364@aol.com)
Cc: [Schroader, Kathy](#)
Subject: RE: Notice of DNS & SEPA Checklist
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:43:00 PM

Ms. Bennett,

We received an email response from you in regards to our proposal to add text to the preface of Clark County's Arterial Atlas. You responded with concerns regarding the water quality on the East Fork of the Lewis River.

The Arterial Atlas represents one component of the county's transportation system. Its purpose is to designate a hierarchy of streets to accommodate regional, local, and neighborhood traffic.

I assure you that the proposal to amend the Arterial Atlas in no way impacts the water quality of the Lewis River. Please see the proposed text amendment by going to the following website: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/dept/files/community-planning/Transportation/Proposed%20Amendment.pdf>

If you wish to contact the appropriate agency to address your concern, please visit the Clean Water Division of Public Works here: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/stormwater>

Thanks,



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From: Schroader, Kathy
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From: GABRIEL364@aol.com [<mailto:GABRIEL364@aol.com>]
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To: Schroader, Kathy
Subject: Re: Notice of DNS & SEPA Checklist

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June 27, 2017

We have had 265' of frontage on the East Fork on tide water since 1978. At that time, the channel was about 10' deep in July but easy to wade for most of the rest of the width. The river had a sandy/gravelly/rocky bottom. We built our home on this property in 1995-96, the year of the great flood. Still, for several years, the river remained the same. Then, about 15 years ago we began to notice a tremendous silt build up and it has continued to worsen. The "thread" of the river in July has become not much more than 3.5 feet, and only ankle deep at the shore line fronting our property. Still, the water remained quite clear. But all that changed when Stordahl began to mine adjacent to the river and, it seems, began using the river to wash its gravel. The area is now home to huge piles of earth and deep ponds (no doubt home to breeding mosquitos). What may be more disturbing are the number of trucks hauling large rocks and gravel INTO Stordahl, presumably for crushing and washing. The water has to come from somewhere and there is no doubt in my mind that it comes from the river, and then, much of it goes back into the river. This is a travesty and I cannot help but believe that it is having a significant negative impact on the four species of endangered fish that try to navigate the river to spawn.

It appears that the environmental agencies of the state and county are turning a blind eye to this problem - or perhaps they are benefiting in some way. But I would think the Feds would be interested in this problem as well. I've written re this issue before and a few years back Don Benton said he would have a look, reporting back that he found nothing. That's a story that I find hard to believe.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. Bennett

In a message dated 6/26/2017 9:14:12 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, Kathy.Schroader@clark.wa.gov writes:

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number of signals that we've put on them.

We do have other options, right in/right out, and things of that nature, but they all are inhibiting in one fashion or another, either to the development that would be east or west or to the traffic trying to flow north and south, and so these choices aren't made lightly and the impact to somebody is going to happen with every piece of development that happens along the transportation corridors of this magnitude.

If there's no other discussion, I'll entertain a motion.

WRIGHT: I'd make a **motion** that we approve CPZ2017-00003.

SWINDELL: 00002; right? It's 2. You already flipped the page. It's 2, yeah.

WRIGHT: Oh, 2. Excuse me. 00002.

SWINDELL: I'll **second** it.

BARCA: Okay. It's been motioned and seconded. Can we get roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE

WRIGHT: AYE

SWINDELL: AYE

GRIMWADE: AYE

BARCA: It was Mr. Riley's testimony that's going to cause me to vote yes for this. YES

BARCA: Okay. 4/0 and we move on.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, continued

CPZ2017-00003 Arterial Atlas: A proposal to amend the arterial atlas, to include language that explains the amendment process.

HERMEN: The next matter before you is CPZ2017-00003. The proposal tonight is to include the language in front of you in the actual arterial atlas. This language is intended to be added to make the arterial atlas more user friendly to the reader. The language that's proposed comes directly from the Clark County Code, so we are just proposing on taking that language and inserting it in the actual arterial atlas document. We have gone through the public process on this as well as have the recommendation for approval that it meets the required criteria for arterial atlas adoption.

BARCA: And that's it?

HERMEN: That's it.

BARCA: All right. Are you ready to grill staff about that? It appears that we don't have any questions for you at this time.

HERMEN: Thank you.

BARCA: All right. So there's quite a few names on the sign-up sheet for this item. I think, perhaps, they were in error and they wanted to speak on the last issue, but we will go down the list and see how we do. Walter Riley, he's left. Karen Boothe, she's left. Glen Johnson, he's left. Carol Woolard, gone. Brian Woolard, gone. Kim Freund.

FREUND: I must have signed the wrong one like everybody else did.

BARCA: Yeah. So no testimony on this one? Are you okay with this proposal?

FREUND: Great.

BARCA: Okay. All right. We have one yea then. Jennifer Baird. And Mr. Lawrence who has left us as well. All right. So there's no names on the list for this, but anybody that wishes from the public to step forward and speak on this issue, we'd be happy to entertain that.

Return to Planning Commission

BARCA: And seeing nobody from the public willing to come forward, we're going to bring it back to the Planning Commission.

SWINDELL: I make a **motion** we approve arterial atlas text changes CPZ2017-00003.

GRIMWADE: **Second** it.

BARCA: Okay. It's been motioned and seconded. Roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE

WRIGHT: AYE

SWINDELL: AYE

GRIMWADE: AYE

BARCA: AYE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, continued