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Decision to Proceed

The King County Parks and Recreation Division Director approved the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Project Proposal on February 15, 2013, and has fully complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules regarding notification and SEPA documents for this proposal as required under WAC 197-11, RCW 43.21c and King County Code. The DNS was issued on March 1, 2013, and the comment period ended on March 15, 2013. Upon consideration of this environmental review, the Divisions' priorities and other relevant concerns, the Parks and Recreation Division has decided to proceed with development of the Lake to Sound Trail, Segment B, described below.

Proposal Name

Lake to Sound Trail, Segment B

Proposal Description

The project is the development of a 1.5-mile segment of the 16-mile Lake to Sound Trail proposed by King County, together with the cities of SeaTac and Burien, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The 1.5-mile segment, referred to as Segment B of the Lake to Sound Trail, is being developed with federal and local funds, specifically for this project. The proposed trail connects to the existing Westside Trail in SeaTac and to bike lanes and other recreational facilities in local communities. Segment B extends along the east side of Des Moines Memorial Drive, mostly within the road's existing right of way, from Ambaum Boulevard South to South 156th Street. In several places (south of South 168th Place and north of State Route 509) the trail extends beyond the right of way onto adjacent property. Segment B, as one element of the Lake to Sound Trail, is part of a Regional Trail System that provides non-motorized, alternative transportation and a recreation corridor for multiple trail users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, skaters, and others. Segment B is typically 10 to 12 feet of porous asphalt pavement bounded by two 2-foot-wide shoulders and 1-foot-wide clear zones, in accordance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) guidelines. The trail will be separated from the adjacent road by a planting strip. Construction of Segment B will require the removal of nine damaged and/or diseased American Elm trees on Des Moines Memorial Drive. Mitigation for removal of the existing elms will include planting of 16 to 22 disease-resistant elms, memorial markers and other options for continuing the World War I Veterans' Memorial. Mitigation plantings for construction impacts will occur in Des Moines Creek Park. The intent of the project is to comply with all local, state and federal regulations and requirements.

Proposal Location

Existing right of way of Des Moines Memorial Drive between Ambaum Boulevard South and South 156th Street, except for several places (south of 168th Place and north of SR 509) where the trail will extend beyond the right of way onto adjacent property. North of State Route (SR) 509 the trail will be in the City of SeaTac, and south of SR 509, the trail will be in the City of Burien. Segment B is located in Sections 20, 29 and 32, Township 23 North, Range 4 East.

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Date