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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

NAME OF PROPOSAL: Lake to Sound Trail, Segment B

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: 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. 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. Once complete, Segment B would become part of a larger planned system that will serve employment and residential centers in South King County and connect to regional trails in Seattle and the greater Regional Trail System network. 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 WWI veterans' memorial. The intent of the project is to comply with all local, state and federal regulations and requirements.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Existing right of way of Des Moines Memorial Drive between Ambaum Boulevard South and South 156th Street. North of State Route 509 the trail will be in the City of SeaTac, and south of State Route 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.

PROPONENT & LEAD AGENCY: Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks, Parks and Recreation Division

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment consistent with WAC 197-11-340. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). In making this Threshold Determination, the responsible official has reviewed the completed environmental checklist and other environmental information on file with the lead agency. This information is available for review upon request (and copying for a nominal photocopying charge) of File Number S13-1047008.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340. No action on this proposal will be taken until after Friday, March 15, 2013. The public comment period is fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance of the DNS pursuant to WAC 197-11-500. Any comments must be submitted in writing to Kevin Brown, Responsible Official, or by e-mail to jason.rich@kingcounty.gov by 4:30 P.M., Friday, March 15, 2013. If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact Jason Rich at (206) 263-7314. Environmental documents for this project are on the King County Parks website: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/about/notices.aspx>.

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