



Department of Transportation
Road Services Division

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: King County Road Services Division 2 Maintenance Facility Relocation Project (CIP #1127271)

Date of Issue: October 21, 2016

Description of Proposal: The King County Department of Transportation, Road Services Division (RSD) provides regional transportation infrastructure maintenance services and emergency response. Unincorporated King County is divided into six Maintenance Service Divisions, each with a shop building and material storage areas. Division 2 covers a majority of the northeastern part of King County. The existing maintenance facility for Division 2 presently occupies a 0.8 acre parcel at 4341 Preston-Fall City Road SE and a 0.9 acre parcel at 33714 SE 44th Place, Fall City, Washington.

The present facility in Fall City hampers the county's delivery of adequate services because it does not meet RSD's location requirements, functional criteria, or reasonable operational needs. The Fall City maintenance facility is located in the 100-year flood plain for the Raging River and would be unusable during a major flood emergency. Furthermore, the facility is too small to meet material and equipment storage needs.

Therefore, RSD intends to relocate the Division 2 Maintenance Facility and enter a partnership to jointly occupy the WSDOT's Preston Maintenance Facility located at 29615 SE Preston Way. Cooperatively operated material storage areas will be developed on the WSDOT parcel. King County purchased two adjacent parcels located at 29111 SE Preston Way to provide additional space for the Division 2 Maintenance shop building.

Relocating RSD staff from the Fall City location to the new Preston Maintenance Facility will place the crews in a more central location for more efficient service delivery. By partnering with another road agency, the county will share some facilities, material resources, and reduce costs. The proposed Preston Maintenance Facility will maintain the same county staffing level of 17 (13 field staff and four office staff), maintain the service area, and provide the same functions as the existing Fall City site.

Old Division 2 Maintenance Facility at the Fall City Location:

The changes to the Fall City location will be minimal; however, they would include decommissioning of the gas station at the facility. In addition, the sand and bags that are provided at the facility would continue to be available through King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. The office structure at the site is not proposed for demolition.

New Division 2 Maintenance Facility at the Preston Location:

The relocation of the Division 2 Maintenance facility will require modifications and/or removals of existing structures and the additions of new structures on the three subject parcels in Preston. The following changes are proposed for the two King County-owned parcels during 2016/17:

- Renovation of the existing garage/storage building to meet current building codes
- Addition of a 42 feet by 64 feet (approximately 2,688 square feet in size) modular office trailer
- Upgrade the existing driveway to the new King County-owned parcels from SE Preston Way
- Installation of a new septic drain field
- Planting of additional vegetation to provide a visual barrier between the shop site and adjacent properties.

In the future, RSD proposes to remove approximately 15,000 cubic yards of material and install, relocate, or renovate the following structures on the WSDOT property:

- Install four above-ground tanks to replace the current underground fuel tanks
- Replace the existing sand/salt material storage shed
- Install covered and heated equipment storage buildings
- Installation of buildings for the storage of tools, signs and materials
- Replace the existing above-ground anti-icer tank and pump system
- Renovate two existing enclosed equipment and vehicle parking buildings
- Install a new drinking water well
- Install screening vegetation to reduce visual impacts from the existing and future operations
- Install new laydown areas for material storage
- Pavement and drainage improvements as needed to accommodate the new development

The proposed shared facility by both state and county meets the definition of a Regional Rural Public Infrastructure Maintenance facility under King County Code 21A.06.1014F for maintenance of roads outside the urban growth and within rural areas.

Location of Proposal: The proposed project area is located along SE Preston Way, within the Preston community of rural unincorporated King County, WA, and within the SE Quarter of Section 30 and the SW Quarter of Section 29, Township 24 north, and Range 07 east. The project area can be found on page 628, 3J of the Thomas Brothers' Map.

Schedule: The project is presently in the Preliminary Design Phase. Design work will continue through mid-2017 with the majority of project construction expected for late 2017/2018. Timing for work within critical areas will be limited to what's allowed per the project's permit and approval conditions. Compensatory mitigation planting for unavoidable impacts to site vegetation will generally occur in the winter or spring following construction.

Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Department of Transportation, Road Services Division

The lead agency for the proposal determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist (ECL) and other information on file with the lead agency. Copies of the ECL are available on the project website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/roads/division2relocation>.

This DNS is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for twenty-eight (28) days from the date of issue, per WAC 197-11-502(3)(b).

Comments and Appeals: Although there is no administrative appeal of this threshold DNS (King County Code 20.44.120), the county welcomes your comments. **Any comments regarding this DNS must be received by 4:30 p.m. on November 4, 2016.** Comments may be submitted by email (recommended), US mail, or telephone. All comments received by this deadline will be reviewed by the lead agency. If you have any questions or concerns, or require additional information, please contact the Communications Specialist listed below.

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