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**State Environmental Policy Act  
Determination of Non-Significance**

**Date:** January 11, 2021

**Name of Proposal:** SR 169 Flood Risk Reduction Project

**Agency Contact:** Thomas Bannister

**Description of Proposal:**

The SR 169 Flood Risk Reduction Project will replace culverts under SR-169 and King County's Cedar River Trail to provide fish passage and alleviate localized flooding issues along the highway between Renton and Maple Valley, Washington. The existing culverts, which consist of a series of three 18-inch pre-cast concrete culverts, convey flow to the northeast under SR-169, then to the northwest between SR-169 and Cedar River Trail, and again to the northeast under the Cedar River Trail. These culverts are undersized, creating a fish passage barrier and stream constriction which impounds local runoff during high-rainfall events. During these events, the impounded runoff can ultimately result in localized flooding of SR-169, necessitating closure of the highway. Closure of the highway occurred most recently in early February 2020 for a period of about five days.

**Location of Proposal:**

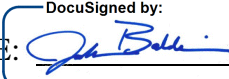
SR-169 and Cedar River Trail, approximately ¼ mile northwest of Cedar Grove Road SE, near Cedar River, Rivermile 11.1, Maple Valley, WA 98038; parcel number 3223069023; 47.440707 N lat/ -122.070103 W long; NW S32, T23N, R6E.

**Responsible Official:** Josh Baldi

**Position/Title:** Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division

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**DATE:** 1/13/2021

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***Proponent and Lead Agency:*** King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Water and Land Resources Division

***Contact Person(s):*** Thomas Bannister, Project Manager, 206-263-6952

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 Revised Code of Washington (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 (for a nominal photocopying fee) or by visiting <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr/sections-programs/river-floodplain-section/capital-projects/sepa.aspx>.

***This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:***

The proposal is not likely to have a significant adverse environmental impacts.

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **February 5, 2021**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

For additional information, please contact:

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There is no agency appeal of this determination.