

**SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)
NE 43RD ST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Description of proposal: The City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for the NE 43rd St Improvements Project. The project would expand the size of pedestrian sidewalks, construct protected bicycle lanes, upgrade curb ramps, construct new lighting and landscaping, and improve signals and crosswalks along NE 43rd St. There would be an all-walk pedestrian phase at the NE 43rd St and 15th Ave NE signal. Drainage improvements would also occur including installing a natural drainage system (bioswale) on the south side of NE 43rd St adjacent to the sidewalk. Trolley poles and wire would be required on NE 43rd St to extend transit from 15th Ave NE to the U District Link station. Rechannelization of NE 43rd St would require removal of on-street parking and relocation of loading zones. NE 43rd St would be one-way westbound for all vehicles between 15th Ave NE and University Way NE, transit-only between University Way NE and the alley, and for all vehicles between the alley and Brooklyn Ave NE.

Proponent: City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Ave, Suite 3800
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Seattle, WA 98124-4996

Location of proposal including street address, if any: The project would extend along NE 43rd St between 15th Ave NE and 11th Ave NE in the University District.

Lead Agency: SDOT

SDOT has determined that this proposal would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under 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 may be examined in the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Public Resource Center at 700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA, 98104 or at <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/pedestrian-program/ne-43rd-street-improvements>.

☐ There is no comment period.

☐ This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

☒ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. **Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. April 20, 2020.**

Issue Date: April 6, 2020

SEPA Responsible Official: Jill Macik, SEPA Responsible Official

Signature

March 31, 2020
Date

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a Notice of Appeal and a \$85.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located at 700 5th Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle; mailing address: P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124; telephone: (206) 684-0521. **The appeal must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. April 27, 2020.** The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.