2020 Urgent Drainage Improvement Projects  
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Description of Proposal
In some portions of the City, SPU manages stormwater using an informal drainage network involving ditches, culverts, and sandboxes. Sandboxes have wooden lids and are filled with sand or gravel and drain directly into the ground or to a culvert as part of the informal ditch and culvert network. Sandboxes are no longer being installed by SPU and are being replaced over time by more durable structures such as junction boxes. Junction boxes are concrete structures with a grated metal lid, shallow in depth, and generally connect culverts in-line with the existing ditch and culvert system.

SPU’s Urgent Sandbox Replacement Program involves the replacement of at-risk sandboxes (and sometime other drainage structures) with standard drainage structures. Replacement work typically includes (but is not limited to) excavation, replacement of failing sandbox structures, replacement of pipe segments, bedding, disposal of excavated material, backfilling, and restoration of disturbed ground and damaged and demolished paved surfaces.

The SEPA environmental checklist reviews proposed work at three sites:

- **Site 1, near 2132 N 128th St (SPU Project Number C600093):** Replace one existing sandbox structure with one Type 240b catch basin and reconnect existing pipe connections including two 18-inch diameter reinforced concrete (RCP) pipes, one 12-inch diameter RCP pipe, and one 6-inch diameter concrete pipe.

- **Site 2, near 1765 N 128th St along Meridian Ave N (SPU Project Number C600093):** Replace one existing sandbox structure with one Type 240b catch basin in-line with an 18-inch diameter RCP drainage main.

- **Site 3, near 12555 Meridian Ave N (SPU Project Number N000855):** Install one Type 206b catch basin and one Type 204b maintenance hole in-line with an 18-inch diameter RCP drainage main.

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Location of Proposal  
All three work sites are in paved City of Seattle street rights-of-way. Approximate street addresses and locations are as follows:

- **Site 1:** 2132 N 128th St (Section 20, Township 26N, Range 4E)  
- **Site 2:** 1765 N 128th St along Meridian Ave N (Section 19, Township 26N, Range 4E)  
- **Site 3:** 12555 Meridian Ave N (Section 19, Township 26N, Range 4E)
Lead Agency
Seattle Public Utilities, 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 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.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below.

A copy of the environmental checklist is available online at http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/documents

Public and Agency Comments
Comments on this DNS must be submitted by May 4, 2020 and must be sent by email to:

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Signature: Betty Meyer   Issue Date: April 20, 2020

Appeals
Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an $85.00 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner