SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WESTLAKE TRANSIT PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

Description of Proposal:

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) proposes to build the Westlake Transit Priority Improvements project which would change the designation of one general purpose traffic lane in each direction along Westlake Avenue N between McGraw Square and Valley Street in downtown Seattle. General purpose lanes would be re-designated as transit-only and Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes. These proposed changes would enhance the operation of the South Lake Union Streetcar and accommodate King County Metro's near-term transit service changes to the Rapid Ride C and Route 40 bus lines.

The completed project would restrict right turn movements at Denny Way, Thomas Street and Harrison Street in the northbound direction and at Mercer Street, Republican Street and Thomas Street in the southbound direction. Left turn movements would be restricted at Republican Street and Mercer Street in the northbound direction and at Republican St and Thomas Street in the southbound direction. The project would include a new northbound bus queue jump at Harrison Street and a new signal would be installed at the intersection of Denny Way and Lenora Street. Some parking would be removed along both sides of the street between John Street and Valley Street.

Proponent and Lead Agency:

SDOT
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3900
Seattle, WA 98124

Location of Proposal:

The project is located within the City of Seattle in the Denny Triangle and South Lake Union neighborhoods. The alignment runs along Westlake Avenue N from the Westlake International Transit hub at Westlake Avenue N and Stewart Street in the south to Valley Street in the north.

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 Planning and Development Public Resource Center at 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000, Seattle 98124. Documents are also available at the main branch of the Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.

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. on Monday, December 28, 2015.

Issue Date: December 10, 2015

SEPA Responsible Official: Scott Kubly, Director

for Scott Kubly
Signature

12-7-15
Date

Agency Contact: Ethan Melone, Rail Transit Manager

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a Notice of Appeal and an $85.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located on the 40th floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Ave, Seattle; or by mail to P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729; telephone: (206) 684-0521. **The appeal must be in writing and filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday January 4, 2016.** The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.