



City of Seattle  
Edward B. Murray, Mayor

**Department of Transportation**  
Scott Kubly, Director

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** December 7, 2015

**To:** Betty Galarosa, Department of Planning and Development

**From:** Sandy Gurkewitz, Senior Environmental Planner

**Subject:** Determination of Non-significance for the Westlake Transit Priority Improvement Project

Enclosed for your information and publication in the DPD SEPA Register are the Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) and SEPA checklist for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Westlake Transit Priority Improvement project. The project proposes to 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 traffic signal 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.

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.

Please publish the DNS in the SEPA Register beginning on **December 10, 2015**. The comment period closes on **December 28, 2015** (Note: Due to the holidays the comment period has been extended), followed by a seven day appeal period. Please make these documents available for public review until the end of the comment and appeal period on **January 4, 2016**.

Thank you for all your time and assistance. If you have any questions about this project or DNS please contact me at (206) 684-8574.

#### Enclosures

1 \*.pdf of the DNS

1 \*.pdf of the SEPA checklist