SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Description of proposal: The City of Seattle Department of Transportation will replace the Fairview Avenue North Bridge. The existing bridge consists of two parallel timber and concrete bridges that are structurally deficient. The new bridge will be a single concrete structure that maintains existing vehicle lane configurations while providing sidewalks on each side of the bridge and a two-way cycle track on the west side of the bridge. Bridge construction will begin in 2017 and take approximately 15 months. During construction, the bridge will be closed to vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic, which will be detoured around the project site. Project work will also include replacing the viewing platform north of the bridge with viewpoints along the west side of the bridge, possibly removing an abandoned coal dock, installing stormwater conveyance piping and basic treatment, and removing and, if permitted, relocating the existing floating walkway further west of the bridge. Temporary relocation of transmission lines and detour route preparation work will be performed before bridge construction begins.

Location of proposal including street address, if any: The project is located on the section of Fairview Avenue North that crosses the southeast shoreline of Lake Union northeast of Yale Avenue North and southwest of East Galer Street in Seattle, Washington.

Proposal Proponent and Lead Agency: City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Seattle Municipal Tower
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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 & Inspections Public Resource Center at 700 Fifth Ave., Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98124. Documents are also at the Seattle Central Library at 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104 and on the proposal’s website, http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/fairviewbridge.htm

☐ 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. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Comments may be submitted to the Agency Contact identified below. The agency will not act on this proposal until the comment period is over.

Issue Date: Monday, February 1, 2016

SEPA Responsible Officer: Scott Kubly, Director, SDOT

Signature

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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 Fifth Ave, Suite 4000, Seattle; mailing address: P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729; telephone: (206) 684-0521. The appeal must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.