

## **Vine Basin Combined Sewer Overflow Control SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

### Description of Proposal

The proposed Project would control the frequency of Vine Basin combined sewer overflows (CSOs) by increasing combined sewer system conveyance capacity upstream of an existing CSO Control Structure. It would also establish a new discharge connection to King County's Elliott Bay Interceptor. The Project would increase peak flows and total discharged flows to King County's Elliott Bay Interceptor, which would reduce the flow managed by the existing CSO Control Structure.

Proposed Project elements include:

- Installation of approximately 1,800 linear feet of new 24-inch-diameter gravity sewer pipe and other appurtenances, such as maintenance holes, within Elliott Avenue, from Vine Street to Bay Street.
- Installation of a new connection to King County's existing Elliott Bay Interceptor.
- Construction of a new sewer diversion vault and weir at the crossing of the existing sewer line at the intersection of Vine Street and Elliott Avenue.

The following Project elements may be required by Seattle Department of Transportation's restoration requirements and/or coordinated with other City agencies throughout design:

- Improvements to existing curb ramps within the Project corridor, consistent with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications.
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure, such as bioretention facilities within existing planter strips in the Elliott Avenue right-of-way (ROW).
- Installation of flexible porous surface treatment within existing tree pits along the Project corridor.
- Potential improvements to street lighting and pedestrian crossings.

Project construction would be completed entirely within the Elliott Avenue ROW through open trench construction. Work would occur in one-block increments to minimize traffic and community impacts; once installation is complete for a respective block, the pavement would be temporarily restored and parking spaces/drive lanes would be restriped. Once construction of all CSO control improvements is complete, the impacted pavement would be restored per the Seattle Department of Transportation's street restoration requirements. Construction is anticipated to last approximately 12 to 16 months.

SPU or SPU's Contractor may lease space within proximity to the Project area to support construction staging and laydown. Properties that do not have a current active use or existing vertical structures are most likely to be used in this capacity. The lease would require that the site be restored to preconstruction conditions or better following completion of the Project.

### Proponent

Seattle Public Utilities  
Seattle Municipal Tower Suite 4900  
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Seattle, WA 98124-4018

Location of Proposal

The Project is within the ROW of Elliott Avenue, from its intersection with Bay Street to its intersection with Vine Street. The Project corridor is located within the NE quarter of Section 36, Township 25N, Range 3E; and NW quarter of Section 31, Township 25N, Range 4E of the Willamette Meridian. There is no street address available for the Project corridor.

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 at:

- Seattle Public Utilities, General Manager/CEO's Office Main Reception Area, Seattle Municipal Tower, Suite 4900, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington
- Seattle Central Library, Public Review Documents, Level 5 Reference
- Online at <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/projects/vine-basin-cso-control>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by September 30, 2019 and must be sent to:

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Signature:

  
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Issue Date: September 16, 2019

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85.00 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2019. Delivery of appeals filed by any form of USPS mail service may be delayed by several days. Allow extra time if mailing an appeal.

- Written appeals must be sent to:  
 City of Seattle Hearing Examiner  
 700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 4000  
 P.O. Box 94729  
 Seattle, WA 98124-4729

- Appeals can be filed electronically. Details on electronic filing procedures are available under “e-File” at the Office of the Hearing Examiner’s web site: <http://www.seattle.gov/examiner/>
- Filing fees must be paid by the appeal deadline and can be paid *via* check (made payable to the City of Seattle) or credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard only). Credit/debit card payments can be made in-person or over-the-phone.
- You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Please refer to the Hearing Examiner Rules of Practice and Procedure for rules that govern appeals. These rules are available on the Hearing Examiner’s website at [www.seattle.gov/examiner/rules-toc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/examiner/rules-toc.htm) or by calling 206-684-0521.

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