REVISED SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BURKE-GILMAN TRAIL EXTENSION – 11TH AVE NW TO THE BALLARD LOCKS

Description of proposal: The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) proposes to complete the "missing link" between two existing segments of the Burke-Gilman Trail. The project will construct a dedicated multi-use trail for pedestrians and cyclists between 11th Avenue NW and the Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks at 30th Avenue NW. A DNS for this proposal was originally issued in 2008, but SDOT has since revised the project description to include a trail alignment along Shilshole Avenue NW, between 17th Avenue NW and NW Vernon Place. This revised DNS is issued for the entire proposal. Improvements include landscaping at key locations, storm water drainage controls, and traffic signals at two crossing points along Shilshole Avenue NW. Construction may include both interim and permanent routes as adopted by the Seattle City Council Resolution 30583; interim portions of the trail would be indicated by directional signs.

Proponent and Lead Agency: SDOT, P.O. Box 34966, Seattle, WA 98124-4996.

Location of proposal: The project is located in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle, Washington. The trail will travel between 11th Avenue NW and the Ballard Locks along the south side of NW 45th Street and Shilshole Avenue NW, and the north side of NW 54th Street. A signed interim route may be constructed along Ballard Avenue NW between 17th Avenue NW and NW Vernon Place.

SDOT has determined that this proposal will 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 Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle. Documents are also available at the Ballard Branch of the Seattle Public Library, 5614 22nd Avenue NW, Seattle and on the project website at http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ballardcorridor.htm.

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. February 24, 2011.

Issue Date: February 10, 2011

SEPA Responsible Official: Peter Hahn, Director, SDOT

Signature

2-4-11 Date

Telephone: (206) 684-5192 Agency contact: Ron Scharf, Project Manager

Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a Notice of Appeal and a \$50.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located at 700 Fifth Avenue, 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. March 3, 2011. The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.