

Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Information

What is "scoping"?

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is beginning to develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate four alternatives for replacing the Magnolia Bridge, including three different alignment alternatives and a No-Action alternative. The scoping process is designed to help the project team identify important issues to be studied in the EIS. Please see the inset box for a list of topics SDOT already plans to study.

How can you provide scoping comments?

Comments can be submitted by mail, email, via the project website, or in person at the public scoping meeting to be held May 22, 2003. At the public scoping meeting, all interested parties will have the opportunity to present oral or written comments.

Tips for providing oral comments:

At the public scoping meeting on May 22, you can provide comments to a court reporter privately or in a public format after a brief presentation by the project team. When presenting oral comments, please remember the following guidelines:

- ✓ You will have 2 minutes to speak.
- ✓ Be as specific and concise as possible.
- ✓ Remember you can submit more detailed comments in writing.

Please focus your comments on the content of the EIS, which can include:

- Scope of the environmental analysis: Have you identified other areas of study or specific impacts that should be analyzed in the EIS?
- Alternative alignments: Do you have any comments regarding the design and alignment of the proposed alternatives?

Areas of Study in the EIS*

- Earth
- Plants and Animals/Fisheries
- Water Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Relationship to Plans and Policies
- Displacements/Relocation
- Socioeconomic Conditions
- Environmental Justice
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Visual Quality
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Public Services
- Utilities
- Construction Impacts

* As identified by the City of Seattle

Public Scoping Meeting

May 22, 2003, 5:30 – 8:30 PM Blaine K-8 School (Magnolia) 2550 - 34th Ave W, Seattle

Schedule:

5:30 PM – Open House & Private Comment 6:30 PM – Project Presentation 7:00 PM – Public Comment

Send Scoping Comments To

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Or submit via the website (address below).

