

**FINAL SEPA DETERMINATION
OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION
Alaskan Way Street Improvement Project**

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of an Environmental Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of the Proposed Action: The Port has prepared plans and designs for improvements in the east portion Alaskan Way right-of-way, in the area of the Pier 66 Bell Street Cruise Terminal, for the purpose of ensuring safe and efficient vehicle traffic and increased through-vehicle capacity in periods when cruise vessel operations are taking place. The proposed right-of-way modifications are also intended to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle access in the area. The proposed street improvements include the following:

- Construct an approximately 9-foot-wide vehicle pullout in the existing sidewalk space on the east side of Alaskan Way adjacent to the Bell Street pedestrian bridge over Alaskan Way and extending approximately 320 linear feet north of the bridge. This pullout would be reserved for staging/use by cruise vessel provisioning and supply trucks during periods of seasonal cruise vessel operations. The pullout area would be available for general parking during non-cruise days.
- Remove up to approximately 660 linear feet of existing unused, former King County trolley tracks, trolley rail crossties, and other trolley-related installations.
- Demolish existing trolley station platform and remove station shelter. The cleared area would be incorporated in the proposed right-of-way improvements, including resurfacing.
- Replace, reconnect, and improve safety conditions in approximately 360 linear feet of 10-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle pathway, adding a 6-foot-high safety fence separating the relocated pedestrian/bicycle pathway from the adjacent main rail line corridor.
- Relocate existing crosswalk from the north side of the Bell Street Pedestrian Sky Bridge to the south side of the bridge. As a result of this relocation, the proposed right-of-way improvements will infill existing crosswalk curb ramps on each side of the street and construct two new pedestrian curb ramps at the new crosswalk.
- Relocate existing pedestrian crosswalk traffic light assembly from existing crosswalk location to the new location. Installation of two poles and associated underground conduits and foundations for the relocated signals may be required.



- Remove and restripe traffic markings, including the new crosswalk. Remove existing street signage and install new signage.
- Trim lower tree branches for up to fifteen (15) trees on the east side of Alaskan Way between existing sidewalk and the trolley track in the project area. New landscaping is planned for the area between the new security fence and the relocated multi-use path.

Location of Proposed Action: The project site is located within the right-of-way of Alaskan Way, between Bell Street and Wall Street in Seattle, King County, Washington

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA No. 16-06)

Determination: The Port of Seattle for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (Determination of Non-significance). As such, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21, WAC 197-11) and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures (Port Commission Resolution 3650). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information that is available upon request. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the notice or be barred.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination, and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle office, at the Maritime Environmental Dept., Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle. The document is also available for review online at <http://www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Environmental-Documents/SEPA-NEPA/Pages/default.aspx>.

Public & Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project circulated on April 13, 2016, and the comment period ended April 27, 2016. No comments, written, on-line, or via voice communication were received by the Port during the comment period. The Port has concluded that no significant negative environmental effects will result due to the proposed Alaskan Way Street Improvement Project. The Port's Final DNS is being issued, as of July 20, 2016 based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts.

Appeals: The Port's decision on the proposal described above and the Port's issuance of a Final DNS on this proposal constitute the Port's Final SEPA decision. This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date below pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.



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Date of Final DNS