

PORT OF SEATTLE
SEPA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
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 a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of the Proposed Action: The Port will plan and design Alaskan Way right-of-way improvements 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 for 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 from the vicinity of the Bell Street Pedestrian Sky Bridge, extending approximately 320 linear feet north of the bridge. This pullout would be reserved for cruise terminal truck staging/use during periods of seasonal cruise vessel operations, but open to general parking during non-cruise days.
- Remove up to approximately 660 linear feet of existing unused, former King County trolley track/ties 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.

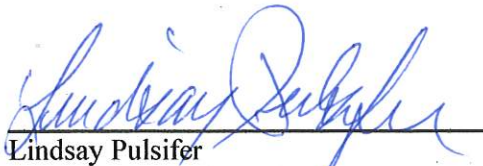
Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA No. 16-02)

Determination: The Port of Seattle has determined that the proposed Alaskan Way Street Improvement Project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. 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 which 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, Environment and Sustainability, 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 and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on this proposal until after the 14-day public comment period expires at 4:00 PM on April 27, 2016. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:00 PM on April 27, 2016. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to George Blomberg, Port of Seattle, Environment and Sustainability, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111, and Telephone: 206-787-3194 or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA.p@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address. The Port will consider comments and publish a final threshold determination no sooner than twenty-one (21) days from the date of this notice.

Appeals: 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 the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3211 and RCW 43.21C.080.


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