FINAL SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport)
Interim Fire Station Replacement

The Port of Seattle (Port) 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 Interim Fire Station Replacement project.

Description of Proposed Project Action: The existing Interim Fire Station was established in September 2015. The existing Interim Fire Station consists of a 520 sq. ft. tent structure accommodating one (1) airport rescue and firefighting (ARFF) truck and 717 sq. ft. of leased space within the adjacent PACCAR facility housing two (2) firefighters. The purpose of this facility is to serve as a satellite (Secondary) ARFF station to the existing Primary ARFF. This facility ensures the FAA’s mandated ARFF response times are met. However, the limited space in the PACCAR facility does not provide adequate living quarters, kitchen space, or other amenities to serve current firefighting needs and meet fire and building code requirements.

The Interim Fire Station replacement project will install a metal framed building to accommodate the living quarters for five (5) firefighters and a steel framed metal covered shelter for the storage of two (2) ARFF trucks. The existing Interim Fire Station will be demolished to provide space for the replacement Interim Fire Station. Total square footage for these two elements is approximately 6,500 sq. ft. The increase in facility size allows for the transfer of a second ARFF truck from the primary ARFF, includes additional equipment/storage area, living quarters for five (5) firefighters, amenities for these firefighters (e.g. kitchen, living space, and washrooms) not currently available within the existing facility, and addresses fire and building code requirements. These buildings will be located at the current location of the existing Interim Fire Station, directly east of the PACCAR hangar. Additional asphalt placement, a concrete slab, security fence relocation, and utility work are required to facilitate placement of the new modular building and shelter. The proposed facility will more adequately house firefighters and equipment.

Location of Proposed Action: The Interim Fire Station is located in the southwest corner of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158) and immediately east of the PACCAR facility and north of South 188th Street. See attached site map.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 19-02)
Determination: The Port of Seattle completed an environmental evaluation including review of pertinent environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Port of Seattle Commission Resolution No. 3650, and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. The Port of Seattle’s SEPA determination concludes that environmental impacts of the proposal are not significant.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle polices, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa.

Public and Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklists for this project were published on November 8, 2017. The Port’s Final DNS is now being issued based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone: 206.787.5527. Email Rybolt.S@portseattle.org or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA.p@porteattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

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 of issuance pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650. Any appeal of the SEPA DNS must also satisfy the requirements of RCW 43.21C.075.

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