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

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport)
Air Cargo Road Safety Improvements

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 Air Cargo Road Safety Improvements.

Description of Proposed Project Action: The Port is proposing the Air Cargo Road Safety Improvements project to improve pedestrian and automobile traffic safety through allowing safe access to the Sea-Tac Airport Cell Phone Lot, adjacent land uses, and public transit stops. The project is anticipated to reduce congestion from the airport terminal arrivals and departures traffic by addressing circulation inefficiencies.

The project is intended to accommodate existing demand at the Cell Phone Lot, which includes addressing safety and congestion issues on Air Cargo Road and South 170th Street as traffic patterns on these roadways are affected by use of the Cell Phone Lot. Air Cargo Road and South 170th Street currently have several identified safety concerns, including unprotected left-turn movements, limited or no pedestrian or bicycle access, and distressed or failing pavement conditions. The surface pavement along South 170th Street near the Cell Phone Lot access and on Air Cargo Road is beyond its design life and showing considerable distress.

Location of Proposed Action: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
17801 Pacific Highway South
Seattle, WA 98158

The project site is located on the east side of Sea-Tac Airport near the Cell Phone Lot.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 20-01)

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 Checklist for this project were published on February 27, 2020. 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@portseattle.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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SITE MAP*

*This schematic drawing shows the project location and scope elements. The actual scope elements may not be to scale.