

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

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport) North Runway Protection Zone Emergency Access Culvert 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 North Runway Protection Zone Emergency Access Culvert Replacement project.

Description of Proposed Project Action: The Port of Seattle is required, per the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5300-13A, Paragraph 318, Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) access to provide "...unimpeded two-way access for rescue and fire-fighting equipment to potential accident areas." These areas include Runway Protection Zones (RPZs).

The ARFF Access Road, the existing emergency access and haul road for the 16R RPZ, includes twin culverts under the road for Miller Creek. The road and culverts have been compromised by ongoing subsidence and sink holes in the road surface. The culverts are now substantially buried and prevent fish passage. Problems with the road surface have been addressed temporarily by filling the sink holes with quarry spalls and placing steel plates over the affected section of roadway, but a permanent solution is needed for continued use of the road for vehicular traffic. The Project will provide critical safety access and restore fish passage in Miller Creek.

This emergency access road is primarily known as the ARFF Access Road but is labelled as South 150th Street on some maps. The road is a non-public road that provides secure access for ARFF vehicles and other authorized vehicles in the 16R RPZ at the north end of Sea-Tac Airport. The existing road crosses over Miller Creek, a designated fish-bearing stream, via two failed 48-inch diameter pipe culverts.

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

The Project site is specifically located along a non-public road that supports airport operations (known as the ARFF Access Road and identified on some maps as S 150th Street) at the north end of Sea-Tac International Airport (see attached map).

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 21-03)

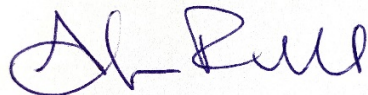
Determination: The Port of Seattle completed an environmental evaluation including review of pertinent environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative 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 policies, 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>. Please contact Steve Rybolt to confirm access to these documents. See contact information below.

Public and Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project was published on February 11, 2021. 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 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

