

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

Description of current proposal: The East Marginal Way Heavy Haul Corridor Improvements Project (EMWHHC) proposes improvements on East Marginal Way S between S Atlantic Street and S Alaska Street. The project will reconstruct a portion of the project area roadway to Heavy Haul standards, add a protected bike lane, add and improve pedestrian facilities, add and upgrade traffic signals and ITS equipment, and perform spot repaving. This project expects to relocate or remove sections of railroad track, which will result in updates to existing railroad franchise agreements.

Project Proponent and Lead Agency:

City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Seattle Municipal Tower
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Location of current proposal: East Marginal Way S between S Atlantic Street and S Alaska Street in the SODO neighborhood of Seattle, WA.

Title of document being adopted: East Marginal Way Heavy Haul Corridor Improvements Project NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE)

Date adopted document was prepared: May 2021

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The entire document adopted is a Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) and appendices completed to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe: N/A

The document is available to be read in electronic form on the project website at:

<https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/freight-program/east-marginal-way-corridor-improvement-project>

Due to restrictions surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, physical copies of the document are not currently available for review.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the DCE and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on the proposal for 14 days from the date below.

Comments must be submitted to agency contact Megan Hoyt by 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2021, by email to Megan.Hoyt@seattle.gov. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, comments cannot be accepted by mail at this time.

Name of agency adopting document City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

SEPA Responsible Official: Jill Macik, SDOT Environmental Manager

Signature

Date

Agency Contact: Megan Hoyt, Project Manager

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a written Notice of Appeal and a filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner. Appeals of the DNS must be received by the Hearing Examiner at the address shown below or pursuant to the **Office of Hearing Examiner Operating Rules During COVID-19** document available at the website shown below. **Appeals must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2021.** Appellants should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 for SEPA appeal procedures.

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Office of Hearing Examiner Operating Rules During COVID-19:

<https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/HearingExaminer/CODV19%20HXE%20Factsheets/Emergency%20Order%203-16-2020.pdf>