

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Project Name: SE 272nd St (SR 516) Between Jenkins Creek and 185th Pl SE

File Number: SEPA15-01

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Project Location: The project is located on SE 272nd St (SR 516), between Jenkins Creek and 185th Pl SE in the City of Covington. Section 30 & 31, Township 22N, Range 6E and Sections 25 & 36, Township 22N, Range 5E.

Project Description: The City of Covington proposes to widen SE 272nd Street (SR 516), between approximately Jenkins Creek and 185th Place SE, to relieve traffic congestion, reduce accidents and incorporate non-motorized modes of transportation. The project would widen SE 272nd Street from a two-lane to a five-lane roadway, from approximately 600 feet west of Jenkins Creek Road to 185th Place SE. Further improvements would include a new bridge at the crossing of Jenkins Creek to improve fish passage by replacing a box culvert, a signal replacement at 185th Place SE, illumination, curb, gutter and eight foot sidewalks, five foot planters, bike lanes, access control features for safety, landscaping and stormwater facilities. A sanitary sewer line within the road right-of-way will be relocated within the new project boundaries, as well as upgrades to the water main system.

Replacing the existing culvert with a new bridge and widening the roadway across Jenkins Creek and its associated riparian corridor will require the permanent fill of approximately 0.42 acre of existing wetlands and approximately 0.43 acre of stream. Disturbed critical areas and buffers will be restored following construction and adjacent areas will be enhanced as mitigation for temporary impacts. As mitigation for the loss of wetlands, the City is proposing to rehabilitate and/or create and enhance wetland areas at an offsite mitigation area north and east of the project site within a forested corridor along Jenkins Creek, approximately 2.5 miles upstream from the project site. Mitigation standards will comply with City of Covington specific mitigation requirements (CMC 18.65.340) and applicable federal and state wetland mitigation guidelines and permits.

Documents Reviewed: SEPA Environmental Checklist by Tetra Tech (03/26/2015), Project Plans at 30% submittal drawings (Tetra Tech, 2014), and other documents and reports referenced in Section D of the SEPA Environmental Checklist. Information is on file with the lead agency.

Responsible Official/ Lead Agency: Richard Hart, AICP Community Development Director
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This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350. The comment period is 14 calendar days and ends May 15, 2015 at 5 PM.

Comments and Appeals Notice: Comments and appeals on this DNS may be submitted by first class mail or delivered to the responsible official at the above lead agency address. Any notice of appeals must be filed in writing, with the required filing fee paid in cash or check and received within 14 calendar days of the end of the comment period at Covington City Hall Offices, i.e. by May 29, 2015 at 5 PM. You must make specific factual objections, identify error, harm suffered, or identify anticipated relief sought and raise specific issues in the statement of appeal. Contact the Community Development Department at Covington City Hall to read or to ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.