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March 9, 2010

RE: North Road Improvements

Dear Resident/Reviewer:

Snohomish County is proposing a road improvement project in your neighborhood. The proposal is to widen North Road to provide improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. The widening will allow construction of a continuous center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road. Currently there is a walkway only on the west side of the road. This project is scheduled for construction in 2012.

A public meeting was held for this project on January 27, 2010. Approximately 120 people attended. Enclosed is a newsletter which includes a summary of the questions and comments received during the meeting.

This letter is to let you know about this upcoming project and that an environmental review of the project has been completed. An Environmental Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) have been issued (see attached DNS). The DNS states that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from construction of this project.

Copies of the Environmental Checklist are available during normal business hours from Snohomish County Public Works at the address below or visit www.snoco.org and type "North Road" in the search box. Comments on this project must be submitted by **April 9, 2010** to: Mary Auld, Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or by email: mary.auld@co.snohomish.wa.us or call: 425-388-3488, extension 4510 for more information.

Sincerely,

Mary Auld, Senior Environmental Planner
Transportation and Environmental Services – Environmental Services Section



Snohomish County Public Works

D N S

Determination of Non-Significance

March 9, 2010

PROJECT NAME: North Road Improvements

PROJECT NUMBER: RC 1545, UPI #08-0058-1

COMMENTS DUE: Comments must be received by April 9, 2010

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The proposal is to widen North Road to provide improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. The improvements include a continuous center turn lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road. Curbs, gutters and enclosed storm drainage will be included for the length of the project. Planter areas will be provided between the roadway and sidewalks where possible. Stormwater treatment for flow control and water quality will be improved to comply with current standards. Roadway illumination will also be part of the project. Retaining walls would be constructed where needed. Some portions of the road will be raised and curves will be modified to improve sight distance.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:

The proposed improvements will be to North Road between 164th Street SW and Filbert Road (SR 524). North Road is located in Section 12, 13 Township 27N Range 4E, W.M.

PROPONENT AND LEAD AGENCY:

Snohomish County Public Works

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:

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 a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available for public review on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance (stated on page one of this document). Written comments may be submitted to Snohomish County Public Works at the address below. The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of the subject proposals presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interests of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

APPEALS:

This DNS along with the subsequent decision by the County to pursue or not pursue the described action may be appealed in the Superior Court of Snohomish County, at Everett, Washington. This DNS may be appealed only when such appeal is combined with the appeal of the underlying action pursuant to SCC 30.61.300. A Notice of Action describing the final decision to approve the underlying action by the County will be published in the County’s paper of record for two consecutive weeks. Any appeal must be filed, along with a filing fee, with the Clerk of the Snohomish County Superior Court, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201-4046; phone: (425) 388-3466, within 21 days following the last week of publication in the paper, or as otherwise stated in the Notice of Action or provided by law.

CONTACT:

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Steve Thomsen, P.E.
POSITION/TITLE: Public Works Director

DATE: March 9, 2010

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Other:

Principal: Lynnwood High School, Mill Creek Library

Others

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