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Notice of Issuance of a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) & Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents

Project File No.: SEPA-23-05 (Confluence Parkway)
Notice Date: September 14, 2023

PURSUANT TO RCW 43.21C AND WAC 197-11-340(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 14, 2023 the City of Wenatchee, Community Development Department, did issue a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) with a 14-day comment period and will not act on the proposal for 14 days from the date of this notice, relative to the environmental impact of the following described proposal.

Proposal: The proposal is to create a new bypass corridor to SR 285 (North Wenatchee Avenue) in Wenatchee, Washington, called the Confluence Parkway Project. The new bypass corridor would provide needed capacity for general purpose, freight, non-motorized (pedestrian and bicycle), and public transit traffic. The Confluence Parkway is planned as a new two-lane arterial street that would begin at the existing U.S. Highway 2/ Euclid Avenue interchange, cross the Wenatchee River on a new bridge, and extend south to the intersection of North Miller Street and SR 285/North Wenatchee Avenue.

Proposal files: Materials are available online at: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/get-involved/confluence-parkway-in-wenatchee/confluence-parkway-environmental-assessment-updates>. The documents may also be examined in person during regular business hours, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, at Wenatchee City Hall, 301 Yakima Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Environmental Review: The lead agency has identified and adopted Confluence Parkway Environmental Assessment, December 2022 and the Confluence Parkway Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), September 5, 2023, as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The FONSI is the Federal Highway Administration's determination of the environmental analysis that evaluated the project and alternatives. Additionally, the FONSI addresses public comments made on the Environmental Assessment, Technical Appendices and Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation. The FONSI conveys information to the public and project decision makers so well-informed decisions can be made. These documents meet the City of Wenatchee's environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker for project development and implementation.

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 determination was made upon a review of the environmental analysis prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act and the information and materials adopted by this notice and on file with the City of Wenatchee. The lead agency has determined that the requirements of WAC 197-11-610(2) have been met and an environmental checklist was not required. This information is available to the public on request.

Public Review and Comment Period: PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL IS ENCOURAGED, and will be accepted through 5:00pm on **September 28, 2023**. Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project. Written comments must be submitted to 301 Yakima Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801; Attention: Laura Gloria, Executive Services Director, or by email to lgloria@wenatchewa.gov).