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## OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 16-135228-LA

Project Name/Address: East Link Commuter Parking 5833 119th Ave NE

Planner: Leah Chulsky

Phone Number: 425-452-6834

**Minimum Comment Period:** July, 21, 2016

Materials included in this Notice:

- [x] Blue Bulletin
- [x] Checklist
- [ ] Vicinity Map
- [ ] Plans
- [ ] Other:

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation and adherence to these procedures. If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call Development Services (425-452-6800) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

## INTRODUCTION

**Purpose of the Checklist:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21c RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the City of Bellevue identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the City decide whether an EIS is required.

**Instructions for Applicants:**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can. You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Giving complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the Planner in the Permit Center can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. Include reference to any reports on studies that you are aware of which are relevant to the answers you provide. The City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impacts.

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**Use of a Checklist for Nonproject Proposals:** *A nonproject proposal includes plans, policies, and programs where actions are different or broader than a single site-specific proposal.*

For nonproject proposals, complete the Environmental Checklist even though you may answer "does not apply" to most questions. In addition, complete the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions available from Permit Processing.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words *project*, *applicant*, and *property* or *site* should be read as *proposal*, *proposer*, and *affected geographic area*, respectively.

**Attach an 8 ½" x 11 vicinity map which accurately locates the proposed site.**

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: Newport Hills Community Church

Proponent: Sound Transit

Contact Person: Chris Ward
(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: 401 S Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: (206) 903-7566

Proposal Title: E320 East Link Replacement Parking (Newport Hils Community Church)

Proposal Location: 5833 119th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA
(Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available.
SE 58th Street
Please attach an 8 ½" x 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site.

Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description: ST seeks to lease parking spaces to increase weekday commuter parking capacity to a cumulative total of 50 transit only spaces at Newport Hills Community Church (See LUC 20.20.200 - Commuter Parking Facility).
2. Acreage of site: 2.12
3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: 0
4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: 0
5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: 0
6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: 0
7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): 0
8. Proposed land use: Provide additional commuter parking spaces utilizing existing church parking lot. No more than 50 stalls will be leased at this location.
9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:
   Not applicable.
10. Other
    Not applicable.

Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

Once approved, Sound Transit would make the additional commuter parking spaces available to the public during the week. Upon approval, ST's lease would come into effect September 1, 2016. Use of this lot is necessary to replace commuter parking capacity lost when the South Bellevue light rail station is under construction."

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No.

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

None. Given the scope of the proposal (e.g., no ground disturbance) no environmental field studies have been contracted for this project.

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

Yes. Prior to Sound Transit initiating use of this lot for commuter use, Newport Hills Community Church will apply for permits required to pave and stripe the parking lot and build an ADA complaint sidewalk spur to the city sidewalk.

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

None.

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal.
(Please check appropriate box(es) for exhibits submitted with your proposal):

☐ Land Use Reclassification (rezone) Map of existing and proposed zoning

☐ Preliminary Plat or Planned Unit Development
Preliminary plat map

☐ Clearing & Grading Permit
Plan of existing and proposed grading
Development plans

☐ Building Permit (or Design Review)
Site plan
Clearing & grading plan

☐ Shoreline Management Permit
Site plan

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. **Earth**

a. General description of the site: ☑ Flat ☐ Rolling ☐ Hilly ☐ Steep slopes ☐ Mountains ☐ Other

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
The maximum slope for this site is 8%. The proposal includes no ground disturbance.

c. What general types of soil are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Soil types anticipated within the area adjacent to the property includes deposited glacial till, consisting of consolidated sands, gravels and large cobbles. The subject property's soil type is unknown as the site will be paved at the time of occupancy. This proposal includes no ground disturbance.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

The proposal does not include filling or grading.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No. The proposal includes no ground disturbance and/or clearing.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

The total amount of impervious surface will not change as a result of the proposal.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

No ground disturbance is proposed, therefore no ESC measures are proposed.

## 2. AIR

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Car emissions are expected to increase locally, but not measurably as commuters access the site. This would be offset by the use of mass transit by people utilizing the commuter parking.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No off-site emissions or odors are expected.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:

None proposed.

## 3. WATER

a. Surface

(1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

No wetlands have been identified in the immediate vicinity of the proposed sites.

(2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If Yes, please describe and attach available plans.

No. The proposal would not expand the footprint of the existing parking lots.

(3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Not applicable. The proposal does not include any ground disturbance.

(4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No. The proposal does not include surface water withdraws or diversions.

(5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

The properties are not located within a floodplain.

(6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No.

b. Ground

(1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description.

No groundwater will be withdrawn. No discharges are proposed.

(2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.) Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

No waste materials of any kind would be discharged.

c. Water Runoff (Including storm water)

(1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

No additional stormwater or water runoff is anticipated to be generated from activities covered under this proposal. Stormwater would be collected and disposed of utilizing the existing stormwater management facilities, which serve the existing parking lots.

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No waste materials will be generated from activities covered under this proposal.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Given the scope of the project no measures to reduce water impacts are proposed as no impacts are anticipated.

**4. Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- [x] deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- [x] evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- [x] shrubs
- [x] grass
- [ ] pasture
- [ ] crop or grain
- [ ] wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- [ ] water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- [ ] other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

No vegetation will be removed or altered as part of this proposal.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No known threatened or endangered plant species have been documented in the City of Bellevue.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

No vegetation removal is proposed, therefore additional landscaping is not included in the proposal.

**5. ANIMALS**

a. Check or circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- [x] Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- [ ] Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- [ ] Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No known threatened or endangered species are known to be on the site.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

The proposal does not include measures to preserve or enhance wildlife.

**6. Energy and Natural Resources**

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy need? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

No additional energy demands are anticipated to implement the proposal.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No. The proposed project would not affect adjacent properties.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of the proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

No energy conservation features are proposed.

**7. Environmental Health**

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

No additional environmental health hazards are anticipated as part of this proposal.

(1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No additional demand on emergency services is anticipated as a result of the project.

(2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

None proposed.

b. Noise

(1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Vehicle traffic from adjacent city streets is the primary noise generator in the immediate vicinity of the project site.

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

It is anticipated that the commuter parking spaces would primarily be utilized by transit users in the early morning and late afternoon as they enter and leave the facilities. However, the vehicle noise is not anticipated to negatively effect surrounding properties. No construction is proposed, therefore no short term construction related noise impacts would occur.

(3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None proposed.

**8. Land and Shoreline Use**

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

The site is currently used as a parking lot. The existing use of adjacent properties is retail, apartment and school.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The existing structures are buildings used to support the existing church operations.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No. No structures will be demolished.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Zoning classification is PO.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The site is designated as PO.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

No.

I. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Not applicable. The proposal does not include residential or work related facilities.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

No people would be displaced as part of this proposal.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

None proposed.

i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

None proposed.

**9. Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

**10. Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

No structures are proposed. Existing King County Park and Ride signage will be replaced with compatible ST signage.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No views will be altered or obstructed as part of this proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None proposed. No impacts to visual resources are anticipated.

## 11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any:

None proposed. No additional light impacts are anticipated.

## 12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The site is located 540ft from a city maintained public park.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No, the proposal would not displace any existing recreational uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

The proposal does not include measures to reduce impacts to recreation as no impacts to recreational resources are anticipated.

## 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

No historic or cultural resources are known to exist in on or near the site.

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

No historic or cultural resources are known to exist in on or near the site.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

The proposal does not include measures to reduce impacts to historic and cultural resources as no impacts to these resources are anticipated.

## 14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The site is served by 119th Ave SE to the east and SE 58th Street to the north.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The site is approximately 350ft to the nearest transit stop.

c. How many parking spaces would be completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

50. No parking spaces will be constructed or eliminated. The proposal seeks to share use of the existing spaces.

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No.

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

Assuming full occupancy 100 additional vehicular trips would be generated. 50 accessing the site and 50 leaving.

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

The proposal would improve transportation access locally. No negative transportation impacts are anticipated.

**15. Public Services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for the public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:

None proposed.

**16. Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

The site has existing service to all of these utilities available except for septic. Although, the project would not require the use of any of these utilities except power for existing exterior safety lighting.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Not applicable.

**Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature..... Date Submitted....6-17-16....