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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. 09-112917 AB
Project Name/Address: Consistency Amendments to Traffic Standards Code
Planner: Matthews Jackson
Phone Number: 425-452-2729
Minimum Comment Period: May 21, 2009; 5:00pm

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Plans
- Other:

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Date: 5/5/2009

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call the Permit Center (425-452-6864) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Our TTY number is 425-452-4636.

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: N/A

Proponent: City of Bellevue

Contact Person: Kevin McDonald, Senior Transportation Planner
City of Bellevue Transportation Department

(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: 450 110th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Phone: (425) 452-4556

Proposal Title: Amendments to the Traffic Standards Code, Chapter 14.10 of the Bellevue City Code; File No. 09-112917 AB

Proposal Location: Amendments pertain primarily to the Bel-Red Subarea, and to immediately adjacent subareas in the city of Bellevue, although amendment includes certain clarifications and clean-up provisions, including a codification of current rules regarding expiration of concurrency approvals, which will apply city-wide

(Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available.

Please attach an 8 ½" x 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site. Map Attached

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

1. General description:

Amendments to the Transportation Standards Code to reflect recent amendments to the Bel-Red Subarea plan and Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, clarifying existing provisions of the code and codifying current rules about expiration of concurrency approvals; amending the following Sections of the Bellevue City Code:

- 14.10.005 - Purpose
- 14.10.010 – Definitions
- 14.10.020 – Application and administration
- 14.10.030 – Level of service standard
- 14.10.040 - Review of development proposals
- 14.10.050 – Methods of providing transportation improvements
- 14.10.060 – Mobility management area system intersections and map
- Deleting Attachment A to chapter 14.10 of the Bellevue City Code; adding a new Figure 1 to the Bellevue City Code that shows the new boundaries for mobility management areas

2. Acreage of site: N/A

- Shoreline Management Permit
Site plan

MEB

- A legislative draft of the proposed ordinance is attached. *available in project file*

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site: Flat Rolling Hilly Steep slopes Mountains Other
Applies City-wide. City includes terrain of all kinds (other than Mountains)

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? N/A applies city-wide

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.

Glacial till and outwash, with some wetland soils. Amendments apply city-wide, with a wide variety of soil types

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Transportation related sources of emissions, which are evaluated in a variety of ways through project-level SEPA review, and non-project level SEPA review of the Bel-Red EIS and the EIS prepared in connection with the City's Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP).

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

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

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.

Applies City-wide. City is bordered by Lakes Washington and Sammamish, includes Phantom Lake and other smaller lakes, ponds and wetlands. See city's maps for more detail about streams and rivers in city

(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. N/A

(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. N/A

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

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

(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 discharge into surface waters

b. Ground

(1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description. No, no ground water withdrawals or discharges

(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. N/A

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. N/A

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

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

4. Plants -- City-wide proposal. City includes variety of deciduous, evergreen, shrubs and other plant material.

a. Underline types of vegetation found on the site:

I. deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

I. evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

I. shrubs

I. grass

I. pasture

I. crop or grain

I. wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, sedges, yellow iris, willow, cottonwood, red osier dogwood, purple loosestrife, other

I. water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, elodea, water parsley, watercress, other

I. other types of vegetation:

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

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

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

5. Animals – Variety of animal life present in the City

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

☐ Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

☐ Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: small mammals

☐ Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. Chinook salmon may inhabit portions of Kelsey Creek and Valley Creek

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

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

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 needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. N/A

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

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: N/A

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. N/A

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

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

b. Noise

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

(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. N/A

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

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Includes all zoning designations city-wide

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. Historic agriculture use in the city. No sites designated in a agricultural land use designation, although some historic blueberry farms continue to operate in the city

c. Describe any structures on the site. N/A

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

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Encompasses all zoning classifications in the city

- f. What is the current Comprehensive Plan designation of the site? Includes all comp plan designations
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? Includes all shorelines
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify. See city's critical areas ordinance
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? N/A
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? N/A
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: N/A
- i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: N/A

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. N/A
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: N/A

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? N/A
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: N/A

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? N/A
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? N/A
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? N/A
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any: N/A

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? N/A
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: N/A

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. N/A

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

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

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. N/A

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

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? N/A

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). N/A

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

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

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: N/A; proposal is amendment to the city's TSC, which regulates concurrency

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. N/A

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

16. Utilities

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

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. N/A

C. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (do not use this sheet for project actions)

SUMMARY

Project Summary: The proposal is to amend the Traffic Standards Code to reflect recent amendments to the Bel-Red Subarea Plan and the Transportation Element. Changes to the boundaries of the Mobility Management Areas (MMA) associated with the Bel-Red and adjoining subareas are included in this proposal, as are changes to the Level of Service Standard for MMA 12 that encompasses the Bel-Red Subarea.

The proposal includes modifying the boundaries of the existing Bel-Red/Northup MMA 4 to correspond with the proposed boundaries of the Bel-Red Subarea, renumber this MMA as MMA 12, and create a new MMA 4 from the remainder of the old MMA 4 to encompass the Wilburton area – as shown in the attached Figure TR-1 from the Transportation Element. Changing the MMA boundaries would affect the assignment of transportation “system intersections” and the congestion allowance for MMAs – these changes are documented in the Traffic Standards Code in Section 14.10.060. The Level-of-Service (LOS) standard of E+ would be adopted for MMA 12, as documented in 14.10.030. This LOS standard is consistent with the land use vision for the area, and is supported by a strong emphasis on developing significant pedestrian infrastructure and viable alternatives to the single occupant vehicle – in particular, transit and non-motorized

commute options. These changes are all consistent with the adopted Transportation Element.

An additional amendment to the Traffic Standards Code would provide a process to determine concurrency for phased development defined as a "catalyst project" and would codify existing rules about the expiration of concurrency determinations. Finally, amendments are proposed to update terminology and improve cross-references

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

This proposal would not have any impact on the above

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: None

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?

This proposal would not have any impact on the above

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: None

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

This proposal would not have any impact on the above

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy or natural resources? None

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection—such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

This proposal would not have any impact on the above

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: None

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

This proposal would not have any impact on the above

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: None

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

This proposal would not have any impact on the above

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: None

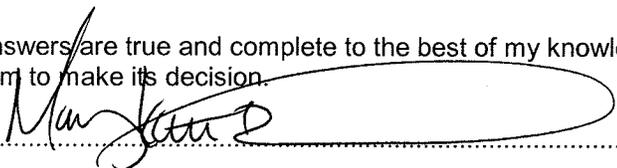
7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No conflict is identified

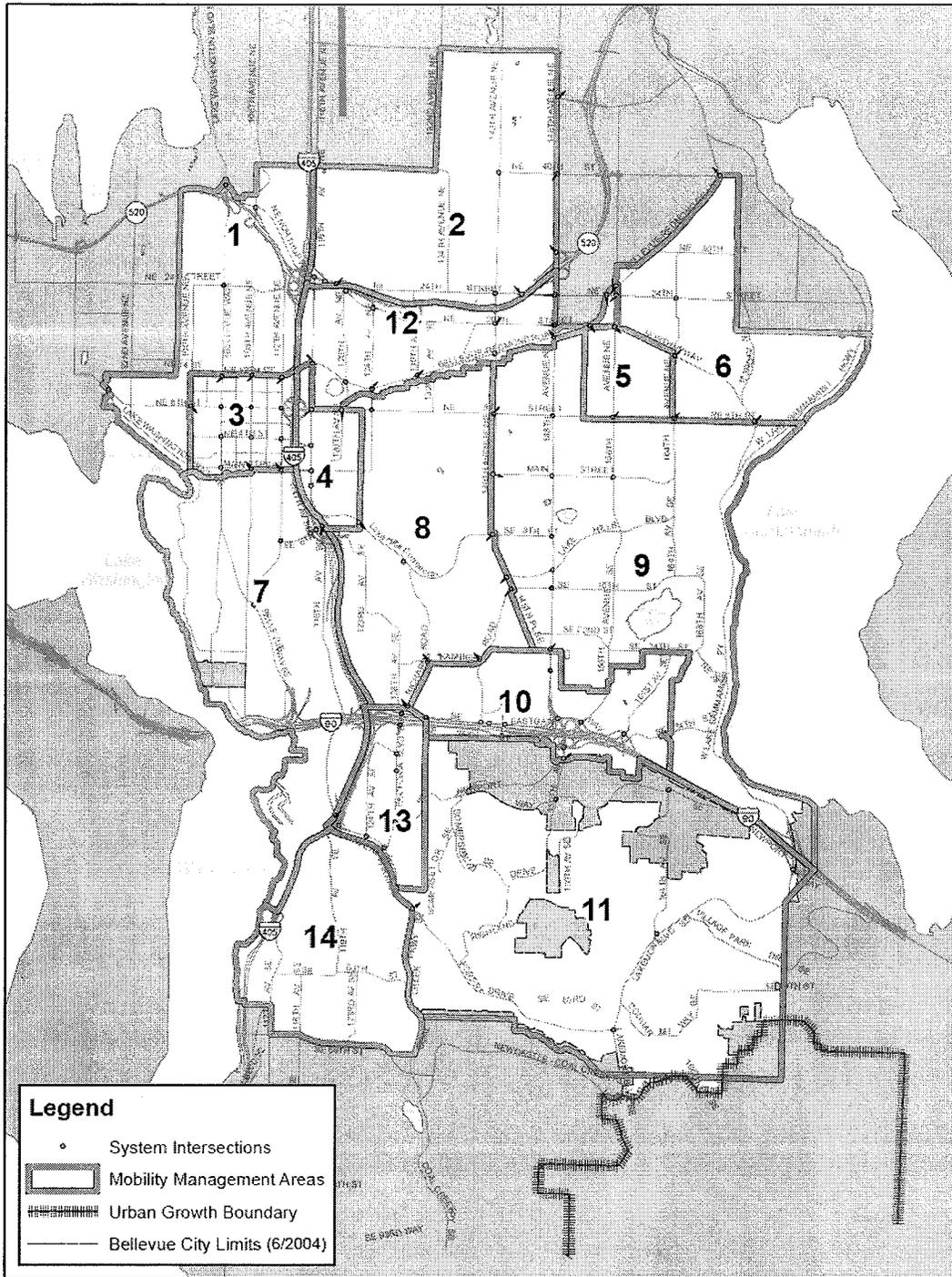
D. The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature

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Signature..... 

Date Submitted..... 5/6/2009



Legend

- System Intersections
- Mobility Management Areas
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Bellevue City Limits (6/2004)

FIGURE TR.1
Mobility Management Areas

