



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
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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. 10-117623-LA  
Project Name/Address: Bellevue Regional Library Parking Expansion  
1111 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Publish: September 2, 2010  
**Minimum Comment Period:** September 30, 2010

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Vicinity Map
- Site Plan
- Other:

## 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.

**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.**

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Proponent: KAY JOHNSON IS PROJECT MANAGER FOR KCLS  
SALLY ROTH IS PROJECT MANAGER FOR ARCHITECT (JOHNSTON ARCHITECTS)

Contact Person: SALLY ROTH, JOHNSTON ARCHITECTS  
(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: 100 NE NORTHLAKE WAY, SUITE 200, SEATTLE, WA 98105

Phone: (206) 523-6150

Proposal Title: BELLEVUE REGIONAL LIBRARY PARKING EXPANSION

Proposal Location: 1111 110TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004  
(Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available. (ATTACHED)

Please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site. (ATTACHED)

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

1. General description: REPLACEMENT OF A SURFACE PARKING LOT WITH A 3-LEVEL PARKING GARAGE (ONE BELOW, ONE AT GRADE, ONE RAISED)
2. Acreage of site: 3.14 ACRES
3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: NONE
4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: ONE PARKING GARAGE
5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: NONE
6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: 107,875
7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): IN EXCESS OF 21,000 CY
8. Proposed land use: PARKING
9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:  
BUILDING HEIGHT = 15'-0" + 3'-6" GUARDRAIL AND ±10'-0" OPEN STRUCTURE ON TOP OF THE 15'-0" PARKING STRUCTURE. EXTERIOR MATERIALS: CONCRETE, STEEL, GREENWALL, WIRE MESH, COMPOSITE PANEL
10. Other

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

SPRING OF 2012

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.

GEO TECHNICAL REPORT

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.

NO

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.

DO NOT KNOW

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)?  
± 1.3%. (LOW POINT AT SOUTHWEST CORNER IS ± 4' LOWER THAN HIGH POINT AT N.E.)

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.  
10' OF FILL OVER WEATHERED GLACIALLY DEPOSITED SEDIMENTS CONSISTING OF GRAY TO BROWN, SILTY, GRAVELLY SAND AND SANDY GRAVEL. THE FILL CONSISTS OF SILTY SAND TO SANDY SILT.

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

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of fill.

EXCAVATION WILL OCCUR TO BUILD DOWN TO THE LOWER PARKING GARAGE LEVEL, AND TO MODIFY AND EXPAND STORMWATER CONTROL SYSTEMS.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.  
YES. EROSION COULD OCCUR LOCALLY DUE TO EXCAVATION ALTHOUGH WOULD SOMEWHAT BE LOCALLY CONTAINED DUE TO GENERAL FLATNESS OF SITE
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?  
APPROXIMATELY 85%
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAINAGE CONTROL PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH STORMWATER CONTROL

## 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.  
DURING CONSTRUCTION: EMISSIONS FROM HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
AFTER CONSTRUCTION: EMISSIONS FROM LIBRARY PATRON'S VEHICLES ENTERING, CIRCULATING, & EXITING GARAGE
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.  
DO NOT KNOW
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:  
SUGGESTING USE OF BIODIESEL FOR ALL DIESEL EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT, AND LOW-TO-NO-VOC CLEANING MATERIALS.  
PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC AREAS.

## 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.
- (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.

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

NONE.

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

NO.

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

NO.

- (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.

ATTEMPTS TO MITIGATE WATER INTRUSION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A CIVIL-ENGINEER-DESIGNED DRAINAGE SYSTEM TIED TO MECHANICAL PUMP, AS NEEDED, TO STORM WATER SYSTEM (TO BE CONFIRMED)

- (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.

NONE.

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.

ALL STORM WATER RUNOFF FROM STRUCTURE WILL BE CONTAINED AND MITIGATED BY A CIVIL-ENGINEER-DESIGNED DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

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(2) Could v materials enter ground or surface water so, generally describe.

NO.

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

RUNOFF WILL BE COLLECTED, FILTERED, AND DIRECTED TO PROPER DRAINAGE CONTROL SYSTEMS.

#### 4. Plants

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

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

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?

TREES, SHRUBS, AND GRASS THAT WERE PLANTED IN THE SURFACE PARKING LOT 15 YEARS AGO WILL BE REMOVED. LANDSCAPING TO THE NORTH OF THE SITE THAT WAS PLANTED AT TIME OF SURFACE LOT WILL BE REPLACED WITH DENSE NATIVE PLANTINGS.

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

NONE KNOWN.

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

PARTS OF THE GARAGE WILL BE COVERED WITH A PLANTED GREEN WALL. TREES WILL BE ADDED BETWEEN LIBRARY AND GARAGE AND ON ALL 3 OF THE OTHER SIDES OF GARAGE. NATIVE PLANTINGS WILL BE ADDED TO NORTH.

#### 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:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:  
PROBABLY SOME SONG BIRDS AND OTHER NON-RAPTOR BIRDS.

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

NONE

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

NONE.

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

DO NOT KNOW; NOT LIKELY ON PARKING LOT

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

DO NOT KNOW; NOT LIKELY ON PARKING LOT

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

NONE OTHER THAN BIRD-FRIENDLY EXTERIOR LIGHTING (WILL NOT SHINE UP)

## 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.

ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR LIGHTING & VENTILATION OF GARAGE

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

NO

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:

DOES NOT APPLY

## 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

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

NONE.

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

DOES NOT APPLY

b. Noise

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

DOES NOT APPLY

(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.

SHORT-TERM LEVELS OF CONSTRUCTION & TRAFFIC NOISE THROUGHOUT DAY UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

LONG-TERM LEVELS OF NOISE FROM CARS CARRYING LIBRARY PATRONS.

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

CONSTRUCTION WILL ONLY BE AT DAYTIME.  
NO HIGH-GLOSS FINISH ON GARAGE CONCRETE AS IT  
CAUSES TIRE SQUAWKING.

## 8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?  
PARKING LOT IS CURRENT USE OF SITE; LIBRARY & PARK ARE ADJACENT
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.  
NO
- c. Describe any structures on the site.  
NONE (LIBRARY BUILDING IS ADJACENT TO SITE, ON SAME PROPERTY)
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?  
NO
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL (DNTN-R) WITH SUBDISTRICTS A & B
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
DOWNTOWN
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?  
NONE
- 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?  
DOES NOT APPLY
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
NONE
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:  
DOES NOT APPLY
- i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:  
WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH LAND USE STAFF TO ENSURE THAT  
OUR PROPOSAL IS COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING AND PROJECTED LAND USE  
AND PLANS.

## 9. Housing

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

NONE; DOES NOT APPLY

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

NONE; DOES NOT APPLY

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

NONE; DOES NOT APPLY

## 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? APPROXIMATE TALLEST HEIGHT IS 27' AT TOP OF ELEVATOR PENTHOUSE, WHICH EXTENDS 12' UP FROM 2ND FLOOR (AT 15'), AND IS CLAD WITH COMPOSITE PANEL OR METAL SIDING TO MATCH LIBRARY METAL PANELS.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? EXISTING VIEWS ACROSS EXISTING LOT WOULD BE GENERALLY OBSTRUCTED ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SOME VIEWS THROUGH.

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

WE WILL INCLUDE PLANTING OF SHRUBS AND TREES ON ALL 4 SIDES OF STRUCTURE AND GREEN WALL PLANTING ON 3 SIDES. WILL HAVE TREES (4) ON ROOF/SECOND LEVEL PARKING.

## 11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? THERE SHOULD BE NO OR LIMITED GLARE. THERE MAY BE LIMITED HEADLIGHT SPILL AS VEHICLES DRIVE UP RAMP AT NIGHT WHEN LIBRARY IS OPEN, ALTHOUGH MOMENTARY.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

NO; ALL EXTERIOR SITE LIGHTING AND GARAGE LIGHTING WILL HAVE CUT-OFFS, FOCUSING DOWNWARD TO CONTROL IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORS. FURTHER, CAR BARRIERS AT +33" WILL BLOCK HEAD LIGHTS WHEN PARKED IN STALLS.

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- c. What existing sources of light or glare may affect you or your neighbors?

NONE.

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

CAR BARRIERS AT + 33" TO 42" WILL BLOCK HEADLIGHTS OF PARKED CARS.

LIGHT FIXTURES WILL HAVE CUT-OFFS & BE FOCUSED DOWNWARD.

## 12. Recreation

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

A CITY PARK WITH PLAYFIELD IS ADJACENT THE SITE.

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

TEMPORARY PATRON ACCESS TO THE EXISTING GARAGE UNDER THE LIBRARY WOULD BE VIA A TEMPORARY ASPHALT AND GRAVEL DRIVE ACROSS THE PARK, LIMITING USE AS A PLAYFIELD DURING CONSTRUCTION.

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

NONE

## 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.

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

A MEMORIAL JAPANESE MAPLE AND PLAQUE WILL BE RELOCATED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE SITE AS PART OF THIS PROJECT.

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

PROTECTION AND RELOCATION OF MEMORIAL MAPLE TREE

## 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.

SITE IS BORDERED TO NORTH BY A 45' WIDE STRIP OF CITY PARK PROPERTY, THEN NE 12TH ST; TO EAST BY 110TH AVENUE. 2 BLOCKS EAST IS 405 FREEWAY.

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

YES; THERE ARE BUS-STOPS ON 110TH AVENUE & NE 12TH ST, ADJACENT THE SITE.

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

80 SURFACE STALLS AND 5 EXISTING GARAGE STALLS WILL BE ELIMINATED. THE PROJECT WILL ADD 243 STALLS, FOR A NET GAIN OF 158, AND A TOTAL ON SITE OF 357.

- 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).

THE EAST CURB CUT AND DRIVEWAY THAT IS EXISTING WILL MOVE NORTH APPROXIMATELY 24'.

- 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.

DO NOT KNOW: A TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ANALYSIS IS BEING PREPARED AND PROVIDED SEPARATELY TO THE CITY.

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

NO PROGRAM SPACE IS BEING ADDED TO LIBRARY, SO TRIP TOTALS SHOULD NOT BE INCREASED BY PARKING GARAGE; THIS IS BEING ADDRESSED BY T.I.A. UNDER PREPARATION AND COORDINATION WITH BELLEVUE TRANSPORTATION.

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.

NONE ANTICIPATED.

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

NONE ANTICIPATED

16. Utilities

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

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.

ELECTRIC/GAS - PUGET SOUND ENERGY  
GARBAGE - ARMED WASTE  
WATER/CITY/STORM - CITY OF BELLEVUE  
TELEPHONE  
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

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..... *[Signature]* MARCH 16, 2010

Date Submitted..... JULY 12, 2010  
*[Signature]* (RESUBMITAL)

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