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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. 13-131326-AB
Project Name/Address: Transportation Development Code Amendments
SEPA Planner: Reilly Pittman
Phone Number: 425-452-4350

Minimum Comment Period: November 21, 2013

Materials included in this Notice:

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

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
(Integrated SEPA/GMA Process)**

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PROPOSAL TITLE: Transportation Development Code Amendment (File No. 13-131326-AD).

PROPERTY OWNERS' NAME: N/A; applies City-wide

PROPOSAL LOCATION: Applies City-wide

PROPONENT'S NAME: City of Bellevue, Transportation Department

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: Chris Dreaney, Development Review Manager

CONTACT PERSON'S ADDRESS: Transportation Development
City of Bellevue
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CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE: 425-452-5264

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL'S SCOPE AND NATURE:

1. General description:

Transportation Development Code amendment of BCC 14.60. The amendment would clarify and expand definitions; remove conflicts and inconsistencies; clarify the required design of public streets, private roads, and driveways; and provide consistency with Fire Department standards regarding street end design. Also, general clean-up of references and designations.

2. Site acreage: Applies city-wide.

3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: N/A

4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: N/A

5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: N/A

6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: N/A

7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): N/A

8. Proposed land use: N/A

9. **Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:** N/A

10. **Other:** N/A

Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Final action on the code amendment by the City Council is expected to occur in the spring of 2014.

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.

SEPA checklist and threshold determination for this proposed Bellevue City Code amendment.

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.

N/A

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.

Ordinance adoption by the City Council. Application 13-131326-AD.

B. Environmental Elements

No discussion of the individual Environmental Elements is required for GMA actions per WAC 197-11-235.3.b.

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

SUMMARY

Project Summary: Bellevue City Code Amendment to update and clarify the code with regard to the purpose of the code and its relation to city policy elements. Also, to provide additional options with regard to traffic impact mitigation and to require the developer of a project to provide legal descriptions and plans. Also, to delete code sections which have been transferred to the Land Use Code, and to provide general clean-up and improvements for references and designations within the code.

Environmental Summary per WAC 197-11-235(3)(b):

State the proposal's objectives: To improve and clarify the code provisions with regard to Transportation Department design standards, city policies, and Fire Department standards.

Specify the purpose and need to which the proposal is responding: This code has not been updated since 1995. References and designations in related documents and policies have changed. Some elements of this code have been moved to the Transportation department Design Manual and need to be deleted from this code. A general update and clean-up is needed to provide clarity.

State the major conclusions, significant areas of controversy and uncertainty: The major conclusion is that this housekeeping improvement is warranted at this time. There are no known significant areas of controversy or uncertainty.

State the issues to be resolved, including the environmental choices to be made among alternative courses of action: No issues to be resolved. The alternative course of action would be to not adopt the proposed amendment. In terms of environmental impacts, the two alternatives are not significantly different.

State the impacts of the proposal, including any significant adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated: The proposal is a nonproject action to provide clarity and consistency with other City policies and standards. There are no significant adverse impacts resulting from this action.

Describe any proposed mitigation measures and their effectiveness: No specific development is being approved with this proposal. No significant environmental impacts have been identified, therefore no mitigation measures are proposed.

- 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?**

Adoption of the proposed code amendment will not increase the potential impacts to water, air and earth resources or noise production.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: N/A

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

Adoption of the proposed code amendment will not increase the potential impacts to plants and animals.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: N/A

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

No adverse impacts to energy or natural resources are anticipated by the adoption of the proposed code amendment.

Proposed measures to project or conserve energy and natural resources are: N/A

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?

Adoption of the proposed code amendment will not affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated or eligible for governmental protection.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: N/A

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?

Adoption of the proposed amendment will not affect any shoreline areas.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A

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

Adoption of the proposed amendment will not increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: N/A

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

No conflicts are known or anticipated.

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- 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 Ch C Hleamy

Date Submitted: October 18, 2013