



**SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)
ADOPTION OF EXISTING DOCUMENT FOR THE
ROUTE 40 TRANSIT-PLUS MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PROJECT**

Description of proposal: The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor (TPMC) project between the Northgate Transit Center and Pioneer Square via the King County Metro (KCM) Route 40 would improve transit travel time and reliability. The Route 40 TPMC project consists of a series of transit improvements including dedicated bus lanes and queue jumps, a freight and bus lane as part of a pilot program, signal upgrades, channelization changes, turn restrictions, pavement spot improvements, and bus zone modifications. The purpose of the project is to improve transit travel times, with a goal of 5 to 10 percent travel time savings over existing service, and improve transit service reliability through reduced headway variability during peak periods and reduced variability between peak versus off-peak travel times. In addition, the project would make it safer and easier for people to access transit along the project corridor. The project is a partnership between SDOT and KCM to deliver reliable, convenient, high-quality transit to Seattle's growing population.

Project Proponent and Lead Agency: City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Seattle Municipal Tower
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Location of proposal: Running north to south, Route 40 is approximately 13.5 miles long and passes through the neighborhoods of Northgate, Crown Hill, Loyal Heights, Ballard, Fremont, Westlake, South Lake Union, Downtown Seattle, and Pioneer Square.

Environmental documents being adopted: The Federal Transit Administration Route 40 TMPC Project National Environmental Policy Act Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) Worksheet was issued on April 11, 2023. The DCE Worksheet and technical appendices are being adopted to support a DNS to satisfy SEPA regulations (Seattle Municipal Code 25.05).

SDOT has identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Public Review and Comment: The DCE Worksheet and supporting documents are available to be read during normal business hours at the City of Seattle Central Library, 1000 4th Ave, Seattle. Electronic copies are available on the project website at: <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/transit-program/transit-plus-multimodal-corridor-program/route-40---transit-plus>. Interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public can submit comments by email to Route40@seattle.gov. **Comments on the SEPA DNS must be provided in writing and submitted or postmarked by 5:00 pm on June 5, 2023.**




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SDOT has determined that the project 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 decision was made after review of the DCE Worksheet and technical appendices. This DNS is issued under Washington Administrative Code 197-11-340(2) and Seattle Municipal Code 25.05.340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below.

Issue Date: May 22, 2023

SEPA Responsible Official: Jennifer Flathman, Environmental Strategic Advisor


Jennifer Flathman (May 16, 2023 09:53 PDT)

Signature

Date

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a Notice of Appeal and a \$85.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located at 700 5th Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle; mailing address: P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124; telephone: (206) 684-0521. **The appeal must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. June 12, 2023.** The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.