



King County

Road Services Division

Department of Transportation

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: 2013 King County Transportation Concurrency Management (TCM) Program update to King County Code (KCC) 14.70.

Date of Issuance: Friday, November 8, 2013

Description of Proposal: The purpose of the TCM program is to ensure the road level-of-service standards in the King County Comprehensive Plan are achieved concurrently with development. According to the Washington State Growth Management Act, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.070(6), *concurrent with development* means that either transportation facilities or strategies are in place at the time of development or that a financial commitment is in place to make the necessary transportation improvements or implement strategies within six years of the development. King County will only accept development applications for development in “travel sheds” that pass the concurrency test as shown on the concurrency map in effect at the time of application or for minor developments specifically identified in KCC 14.70.285. *Travel sheds* are geographic areas within which development would be likely to use or be affected by traffic on arterials within the travel shed. Unincorporated King County is currently divided into 25 travel sheds.

This non-project action by King County Department of Transportation’s Road Services Division, is the proposed update of the TCM program by adoption of an ordinance with map attachment to amend the transportation concurrency chapter KCC 14.70. The proposed ordinance adopts a 2013 Transportation Concurrency Map (Attachment A to the ordinance), and makes procedural changes to the TCM program.

KCC 14.70.230 identifies the concurrency analysis and testing. The proposed change in the concurrency testing procedure is to have separate tests of Urban and Rural areas within the same travel shed. Currently Urban and Rural area road mileage is tested using the entire sampled road mileage of the travel shed. Based on the 2013 concurrency test, five travel sheds out of 25 have failing concurrency areas. Four of the five travel sheds have Urban Areas, and three of the Urban Areas are passing the concurrency test using the proposed testing procedures. All five travel sheds have failing Rural Areas.

KCC 14.70.270 requires an annual update of the concurrency map based on updated travel time surveys, standards and methodologies. The concurrency map indicates the passage or failure of the travel sheds and is the basis of determining concurrency for both residential and nonresidential development proposals. The proposed changes will make the TCM annual update a biennial update to coincide with the current King County biennial budget process and two-year cycle of the adopted King County Transportation Needs Report (TNR) process.

The proposed action is being taken to comply with King County Code and the Washington State Growth Management Act.

Location of Proposal: Unincorporated King County

Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Department of Transportation, Road Services Division

The lead agency for the proposal 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 the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. **The information is available to the public on request** (for a nominal photocopying fee) or can be reviewed in the office free of charge. Information about this proposal will also be available on King County's Transportation Concurrency Management Program website at:


<http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Roads/TransportationPlanning/ConcurrencyManagement.aspx>

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance for the DNS per WAC 197-11-502. **Any comments regarding this project must be submitted by telephone or in writing by 4:30PM on Friday, November 22, 2013.** If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please call the transportation planner or the environmental engineer for the project as listed below.

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