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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: 2012 King County Transportation Concurrency Management (TCM) Program update to King County Code (KCC) 14.70.

Date of Issuance: Wednesday, August 22, 2012

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, Road Services Division, is the proposed update of the TCM program by adoption of an ordinance with attachments to amend the transportation concurrency chapter KCC 14.70. The proposed ordinance adopts a 2012 Transportation Concurrency Map (Attachment A to the ordinance) and a revised Transportation Concurrency Travel Shed Boundaries map (Attachment B to the ordinance).

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. Based on the concurrency test, five travel sheds out of 25 are failing concurrency standards in 2012. Four travel sheds on the adopted concurrency map failed the concurrency test in 2010. One of the passing travel sheds on the adopted 2010 concurrency map is failing in 2012. All other travel sheds remain in the same status as indicated on the adopted 2010 concurrency map.

KCC 14.70.230 identifies the travel sheds used for transportation concurrency testing that are adopted on a map by the King County Council. The Transportation Concurrency Travel Shed Boundaries map illustrates the travel shed limits. Revisions to the map are necessary to account

for annexations of county arterials and state highways. The King County transportation concurrency test cannot include roadways within city limits. The proposed travel shed map accounts for annexations in 2011 and 2012.

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 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.** 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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