



King County

Road Services Division

Department of Transportation
KSC-TR-0231
201 South Jackson Street
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: 2007 King County Transportation Concurrency Management (TCM) Program update to King County Code (KCC) 14.70.

Description of Proposal: This non-project action by the King County Department of Transportation proposes to update the TCM program by adopting an ordinance to amend the transportation concurrency chapter KCC 14.70. The proposed ordinance 1) eliminates monitored zones from the 2007 Residential Transportation Concurrency map, 2) eliminates the Vehicle Trips for Monitored Zones table, 3) adopts a new 2007 Residential Transportation Concurrency map, and 4) adopts a new Monitored Corridors for Transportation Concurrency list.

King County Code 14.70.270 requires an annually updated traffic model to produce each new residential transportation concurrency map. The traffic model estimates future traffic volumes based on a variety of input values. The traffic model update includes land use changes, roadway capacity projects that are funded for construction, and roadway designation revisions. The traffic model was used to produce the new 2007 Residential Transportation Concurrency Map.

The new 2007 Residential Transportation Concurrency map identifies red and green concurrency zones, representing those failing and passing the concurrency test for residential development, respectively. The new map no longer uses yellow zones, which are zones that are within 10% of failing the concurrency test. The yellow or monitored zones were eliminated due to the complex process and questionable reliability involved in identifying the allocation of vehicle trips in these zones.

The new Monitored Corridors for Transportation Concurrency list is used in the traffic model and concurrency testing. This new list reflects edits to the previous list that clarify the identification of existing corridors and their limits, as well as deletes State Route 169 because of its recent redesignation to a Highway of Statewide Significance. Coal Creek Parkway was also deleted because almost the entire corridor is within incorporated areas. The list of corridors also identifies the portions of the corridors located in unincorporated areas, and therefore, is used in the concurrency testing by the County.

In accordance with the provisions of the KCC, the revised map and list of monitored corridors are to be approved by the King County Council and adopted by ordinance. The updated transportation concurrency map indicates areas of unincorporated King County that meet or fail adopted Level of Service standards. The transportation concurrency map is the principal basis for reviewing applications for certificates of concurrency for proposed residential development.

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.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/planning/concurrency/index.cfm>

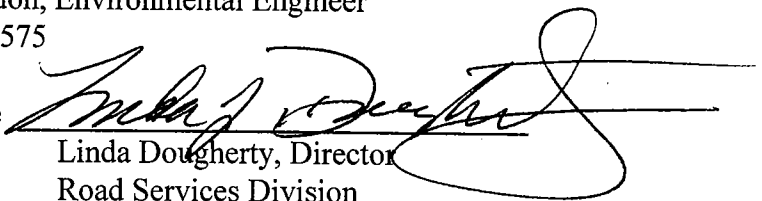
This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance for the DNS per WAC 197-11-502. **Any comments regarding this project must be submitted by telephone or in writing by 4:30 PM on Thursday, March 1, 2007.** If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please call the senior engineer or the environmental engineer for the project as listed below.

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Comments and Appeals: Although there is no administrative appeal of this threshold Determination of Non-Significance (King County Codes 20.20.020 and 20.44.120), the County welcomes your comments. Comments received by **Thursday, March 1, 2007** will be reviewed by the lead agency.