

**Notice of Determination of Non-
significance
for 2023 Amendments to the Seattle Comprehensive Plan Related to
Transportation Impact Fees and the Adoption of Existing
Environmental Documents**

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The City of Seattle is proposing to amend the Comprehensive Plan to facilitate implementation of a transportation impact fee program. The proposed amendments would: (1) amend the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan and a related appendix to identify deficiencies in the transportation system associated with new development; (2) incorporate a list of transportation infrastructure projects that would add capacity to help remedy system deficiencies; and (3) establish policies of considering locational discounts for urban centers and villages and exemptions for low-income housing, early-learning facilities and other activities with a public purpose for any future rate-setting. The amendments are a necessary, but not sufficient step, to establish an impact fee program under RCW 82.02.050.

Environmental review of the proposal has been conducted again pursuant to the amended Findings and Decision of the Hearing Examiner dated October 24, 2019, Hearing Examiner Case File: W-18-013.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file, the Legislative Department has determined that the amendments described above will not have probable, significant adverse environmental impacts and has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (no Environmental Impact Statement required). The following documents are reasonably sufficient to evaluate the proposal and are adopted for this threshold determination of non-significance:

- City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Seattle Comprehensive Plan Update, May 2016.
- City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Seattle Comprehensive Plan Update, May 2015.
- Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Transit Master Plan, Determination of Non-significance, February 2012.
- Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Bicycle Master Plan, Determination of Non-significance, December 2013.
- Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Freight Master Plan, Determination of Non-significance, February 2016.
- Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan,

Other Land Use Action for publication in the LUIB & DJC on February 13, 2023

Determination of Non-significance, January 2017.

- City of Seattle, Office of Planning and Community Development, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Seattle Industrial & Maritime Strategy, September 2022

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments regarding this DNS or potential environmental impacts may be submitted through February 27, 2023. Comments may be sent to:

Seattle City Council Central Staff
Attn: Ketil Freeman
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Seattle, WA 98124-4025
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HOW TO APPEAL

Appeals of the DNS must be submitted to the Office of the Hearing Examiner by 5:00 p.m. March 6, 2023. Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by an \$85.00 filing fee in a check payable to the City of Seattle. The appeal must be sent to:

City of Seattle
Hearing Examiner
PO Box 94729
Seattle WA 98124-4729

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the DNS and the proposal may be obtained online at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/issues> or at the City Clerk's walk-up counter, Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Third Floor, Seattle, WA 98104. The walk-up counter is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Questions regarding the proposed amendments can be directed to Ketil Freeman, City Council Central Staff at (206) 295.3827 or ketil.freeman@seattle.gov.