



CITY OF PUYALLUP

Development & Permitting Services Department

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PRELIMINARY*

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**This determination will become final if no formal appeals are filed and/or reconsideration requests are duly received*

for
River Road Sewer Main repairs
(900 Block River Road)
Project # PLSSP20220109

Date of Issuance:	August 12, 2022
Description of Proposal:	Replace 256 linear feet of failing 15-inch concrete sewer pipe along the 900 Block of River Rd. SEPA is required due to proposed utility work in excess of 12" diameter.
Location of Proposal:	900 Block of River Road
Proponent:	Drew Young, PE, City of Puyallup
Lead Agency Responsible Official:	Katie Baker, AICP City of Puyallup Development & Permitting Services Dept. 333 South Meridian Street Puyallup, WA 98371 (253) 864-4165 KBaker@puyallupwa.gov
City of Puyallup Permits:	SEPA, NPDES and Engineering/ROW Permits
Zoning:	N/A (Public ROW)
Comprehensive Plan:	N/A (Public ROW)

PROJECT SPECIFIC MATERIALS (INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE – WAC 197-11-635):

1. The subject Threshold Determination herein and associated environmental findings are based upon review of the following documents submitted by the applicant and official responses from the city in regard to the underlying permit(s). These documents are incorporated by reference, in accordance with WAC 197-11-635, and are available for public review.
 - a. SEPA checklist dated **July, 2022**.
 - b. Construction plans dated **July, 2022**.

2. Notice of Application (NOA) date, consistent with WAC 197-11-355 (Optional DNS Process)
 - a. Sent **July 27, 2022**, comment period expired **August 10, 2022**. List of recipients, comments received, and copy of NOA materials available in project file. Contact the Lead Agency Responsible Official for further information.
3. This finding is based on review of the following submitted comment letters:
 - a. Department of Ecology letter dated **August 10, 2022**. See project file.

The SEPA Responsible Official for the City of Puyallup hereby makes the following findings and conclusions based upon a review of the environmental checklist and attachments, other information and studies on file for the project, and the policies, plans and regulations designated by the City of Puyallup as a basis for the exercise of substantive authority under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C:

- The project is intended to replace a failed sanitary sewer line in River Road, approximately 256 linear feet of pipe will be replaced due to a collapse in the 41 year old section of concrete pipe. The project is not intended to increase sewer capacity and is not a capacity project. The replaced pipe will be new PVC pipe, in accordance with City Standards.
- The project is technically an emergency repair – however the immediate failure of approximately 12 linear feet of pipe that fully collapsed in May, 2022 was repaired under immediate emergency orders. The remaining partially failed pipe (the sections covered under this SEPA Determination and review) will be repaired and is anticipated to occur in September, 2022. SEPA was processed for a pipe in excess of 12 inches in diameter because the current scope of work does not meet the narrow intent of WAC 197-11-880 – Emergencies.
- No other changes to sewer availability or impacts to sewer services is anticipated as a result of this project, other than minor and temporary potential service interruptions during the time of repair.

Issuance of this threshold determination does not constitute approval of the permit. This proposal will be reviewed for compliance with all applicable City codes that regulate the applicable development activities, including, but not limited to, the International Fire/Building/Residential Codes, City of Puyallup Engineering Standards, Zoning Code, Surface Water Design Manual, Impact Fees, and the Critical Areas Ordinance.

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Upon review of applicable documentation, the responsible official of the lead agency hereby finds that this proposed permit action would not result in a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required, under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, PMC 21.04.120 and WAC 197-11 after reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. The responsible official finds

this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public upon request.

COMMENTS

Consistent with WAC 197-11-355, the Lead Agency issued a Notice of Application on **July 27, 2022** with a single integrated comment period to obtain comments on the notice of application and the likely threshold determination for the proposal. Therefore, consistent with the optional DNS process outlined in WAC 197-11-355, there is no further comment period for the subject Determination.

APPEALS

Consistent with WAC 197-11-545 regarding commenting parties and agencies, an appeal the subject DNS may be filed with the SEPA Responsible Official by applicable parties and agencies within 10 days of the issuance of this DNS, or by **3:00 pm on Monday, August 22, 2022**

Appeals will be accepted by via the Cityview permit portal only (<https://permits.puyallupwa.gov/Portal>). Please call or email Planning prior to submission of an appeal, if possible.

- To file an appeal electronically, please visit <https://permits.puyallupwa.gov/Portal> and select "Apply for a Planning Permit", selecting "Appeal to Hearing Examiner" from the project/permit type drop down when prompted.

Prior to submittal and payment of the \$650.00 appeal fee, consult PMC 21.04.205 regarding SEPA Appeals or contact the SEPA Responsible Official at Planning@PuyallupWA.gov or (253) 864-4165 to ask about the appeal procedures, if possible. Be prepared to make specific factual reasons, rationale, and/or the basis for the appeal. This determination will become final if no formal appeals are filed and/or reconsideration requests are made by the expiration date listed above.

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Chris Beale, AICP
Senior Planner

08/12/22

Date



(signed for)
Katie Baker, AICP
City of Puyallup SEPA Responsible Official

08/12/22

Date

Attachments:

- A. Site Plan / Vicinity Map
- B. Environmental Checklist