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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST (2015 UPDATED VERSION)

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21 RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

If you are not already submitting an 8-1/2" x 11" reduction of your project site plan to the city as part of a companion case submittal, please submit a copy as a part of this SEPA application.

Please submit eight (8) copies of the completed SEPA checklist application packet.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project:

Fred Meyer - Distribution Center

2. Name of Applicant:

Barghausen Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Jason Hubbell, P.E. / Senior Civil Project Manager

3. Mailing address, phone number of applicant and contact person:

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(425) 251-6222
Jason Hubbell, P.E.

4. Date checklist prepared:

May 23, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Puyallup

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Upon issuance of permits (Summer-Fall 2024)

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Geotechnical Report

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None known

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

SEPA, Site plan review

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information or project description).

Remove and replace site entrance driveway and installation of guard shack. The site disturbance area is approximate 16,000 square feet.

12. Location of proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If the proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range of boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Tax Parcel 0420215004
Site Address: 2200 N Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371
NE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 20N, Range 4E, Willamette Meridian
The proposed project is the site entrance at the southeast corner of 23rd Avenue Northwest and 7th Street Northwest.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site
(circle one) Flat, rolling, hilly, steep, slopes, mountains, other _____
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 35%
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example: clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)?
If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Puyallup fine sandy loam and Sultan silt loam are the soils mapped per the USDA Soil Survey. These are listed as prime farmland or prime farmland if irrigated but this site has been developed since approximately 1999.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No.

- e. Describe the purpose, type and approximately quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Earthwork for this project is estimated at 800 CY of cut and 800 CY of fill to regrade the area for development. No import or export is proposed. If fill is required it will be from an approved source.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use? If so, generally describe.

Limited erosion could occur as result of the project because of grading & backfilling activities associated with construction. Typical erosion control BMPs will be implemented and include, silt fences & soil covering (mulching) as needed.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surface after project construction (for example: asphalt or buildings)?

The current site is approximately 83% impervious. The project will add approximately 1600 square feet of impervious surface.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

A temporary erosion and sediment control (TESC) plan will be developed in accordance with City of Puyallup Stds. Typical items that may be included in the TESC plan are temporary erosion control measures such as filter fabric fencing, mulching, matting, hydro-seeding and other BMP's.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

It is anticipated that there will be air emissions from trucks and earth moving machinery for the duration of excavating and re-grading activities. After completion, the air emissions will consist of passenger vehicles and trucks entering and leaving the site.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

None are known.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

Odors from vehicle emissions during construction will be controlled by muffler systems on the vehicles. Dust from construction activities will be controlled by the use of water applied to exposed soils.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:

1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream and river it flows into.

Wapato Creek and Simmons Creek are offsite to the north.

2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

No.

3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

No work is proposed in surface waters or wetlands.

4. Will the proposal requires surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities, if known.

No surface water withdrawals or diversions are proposed.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain. If so, note location on the site plan.

No. Per FEMA Map 53053C0333E, dated 3/7/2017, the project area is not within a flood hazard area.

6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No.

b. Ground:

1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No.

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals.....; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) the method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Storm water runoff will be collected and conveyed in a closed pipe network to the existing storm system. There are existing bioswales onsite for treatment and the site discharges directly to the Puyallup River.

2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The potential for waste materials to enter ground water is low; the site is mostly paved/covered with building areas. Surface water runoff is directed to existing onsite bioswales for treatment prior to discharge from the site.

3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No. The existing drainage pattern will remain unchanged.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

None are proposed. The project proposes to remove and replace existing pavement areas which will not change the current runoff.

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet solid plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Minimal land clearing is required, mainly existing lawn areas will be disturbed.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

There are no known threatened or endangered species on or near the site.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

Code-required landscaping is proposed for the disturbed areas.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

None are known.

5. **Animals**

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other _____

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other rodents _____

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: _____

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

There are no known threatened or endangered species on or near the site.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Yes. Various birds are known to migrate through the Puyallup River Valley. All of Western WA is part of the Pacific Flyway.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

None.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None are known.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kind of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

The proposed guard shack will require electricity for lighting and heating/cooling.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No. It is not anticipated that this project will affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.

- c. What kind of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

None.

7. **Environmental Health**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

Anticipated construction of the project will generate only routine potential for environmental hazards associated with construction such as vehicle fuels and exhaust emissions. Best Management Practices will be employed throughout construction to mitigate risks.

1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None are known.

2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None are known.

3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None are known.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

There are no special emergency services anticipated for this project.

5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

The project will construct erosion control BMPs, as required by the City of Puyallup/DOE Manual during construction.

b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

There is traffic noise from adjacent streets and nearby businesses; none of these noises will affect the project.

2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

In the short term, there will be general site development construction noise. Noise shall occur in accordance with the City of Puyallup's Noise Control Regulations (PMC-6.16).

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

The project will comply with City of Puyallup noise control requirements.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The current site use is a warehouse distribution center. Commercial businesses are to the south. The proposal will not affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to non-farm or non-forest use?

Prior to 1999 the site was working farmland. No portion of the site is current farmland.

1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

There are two large warehouse buildings onsite (approx 1M square feet)

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

ML-Limited Manufacturing

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

LM/W - Light Manufacturing/Warehousing

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Seismic and volcanic (lahar) hazards are noted. There is a small area of potential landslide hazard (moderate) along the north face of the existing building.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

One employee will work in the proposed guard shack.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any?

N/A.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

The project is consistent with zoning for the City of Puyallup. In addition, this project is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and county standards applicable to this site.

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

No measures are proposed.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.

N/A

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.

N/A

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principle exterior building material(s) proposed?

The guard shack will be approx 10 feet tall and the exterior will be vinyl siding.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No views will be altered with the guard shack addition.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

No measures are proposed.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

The proposed building will have lighting. Lighting may be used 24 hours a day.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

No existing off-site sources of light or glare are anticipated to affect this proposal.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any?

Any new exterior lighting will be directed downward to minimize any glare to nearby property owners.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The Puyallup Recreation Center is offsite to the southwest.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

No measures proposed.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

None are known.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

There are no landmarks, features, or evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation onsite. Based on a review of DAHP WISSARD mapping, the area was historically used by the Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie, Suquamish, Puyallup, Yakima Nation, Nisqually and Squaxin tribes and is classified as very high risk.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Based on a review of DAHP WISSARD mapping, the area was historically used by the Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie, Suquamish, Puyallup, Yakima Nation, Nisqually and Squaxin tribes and is classified as very high risk. However, WISSARD mapping does not indicate any GLO sites or inventories on or near the site

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

No measures are proposed.

14. **Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

7th Street NW is adjacent to the west side of the site, 23rd Ave NW is adjacent to the north, Valley Ave NW is to the south and Meridian Ave E is to the east. From the site, users can travel south on 7th Street, then east on Valley Ave to connect to State Route 167.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

There are existing transit stops along North Meridian on the east side of the property.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

No parking will be added or eliminated.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

No additional trips per day would be generated for this project.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

No measures proposed.

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

No measures proposed.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

New electrical service to the guard shack will be required. No other utility changes are proposed.

C. SIGNATURE

I hereby state that I am the owner or authorized agent listed above, and certify that all information contained above and in exhibits attached hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the processing of this application may require additional supporting material upon request to City staff.

RIGHT OF ENTRY: By signing this application the applicant grants unto the City and it's agents the right to enter upon the premises for purpose of conducting all necessary inspection to determine compliance with applicable laws, codes, and regulations. This right of entry shall continue until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the property.

Signature of Property Owner: Jason Hubbard / Authorized Agent

Date: June 10, 2024

Signature of Agent: Jason Hubbard

Date: June 10, 2024

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 10, 2024 in Kent, Washington.

Jason Hubbard
(Signature of Applicant)