

**SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)
PIONEER SQUARE EAST WEST PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Description of proposal: The City of Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) Pioneer Square East West Pedestrian Improvements Project will widen, add landscaping to, and otherwise improve sidewalks along, and make paving and crosswalk improvements on, portions of five streets in the historic Pioneer Square area of Seattle, Washington. The Project will also reduce the number of vehicle travel lanes and limit traffic flow directions on portions of those streets in order to move vehicles away from structurally vulnerable areaways and optimize traffic operations and circulation in the Pioneer Square area. Project work will include installation of signal and luminaire foundations; altering or upgrading traffic signals and adding luminaires; performing utility work, including possible replacement of water mains, sewer pipes, and stormwater catch basins and pipes in places in or throughout the project footprint; performing spot areaway structural repairs and possibly impacting areaways with pole and pipe penetrations and other project work; improving or adding curb bulbs, curbing and curb ramps; regrading for ADA accessibility and replacing sidewalks; installing planters and trees; installing sign posts and signs; and installing bollards and street furniture. To allow accessibility, some sidewalks will have a curbless design. The project will also remove the non-historic trolley tracks on Main Street between Alaskan Way and Second Avenue S.

Proponent: City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Ave, Suite 3800
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Location of proposal including street address, if any: The project is located on the following streets in the historic Pioneer Square area of Seattle, Washington: S King Street from Alaskan Way to east of First Avenue S, S Main and S Washington Streets from Alaskan Way to east of Second Avenue S, Yesler Way from Alaskan Way to east of First Avenue S, and Second Avenue S from north of S Main Street to south of S Washington Street.

Lead Agency for this Proposal: SDOT

SDOT has determined that this proposal would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under 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. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and SMC 25.05.340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. **Comments must be submitted to agency contact Steve Pearce by 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2020, by email to Steve.Pearce@seattle.gov, by telephone to 206-684-8371, or by mail to the above proponent address.**

Issue Date: September 17, 2020

SEPA Responsible Official: Jill Macik, SEPA Responsible Official

Signature

September 14, 2020
Date

Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a written Notice of Appeal and a filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner. Appeals of the DNS must be received by the Hearing Examiner at the address shown

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below or pursuant to the **Office of Hearing Examiner Operating Rules During COVID-19** document available at the website shown below. **Appeals must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 8, 2020.** Appellants should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 for SEPA appeal procedures.

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