

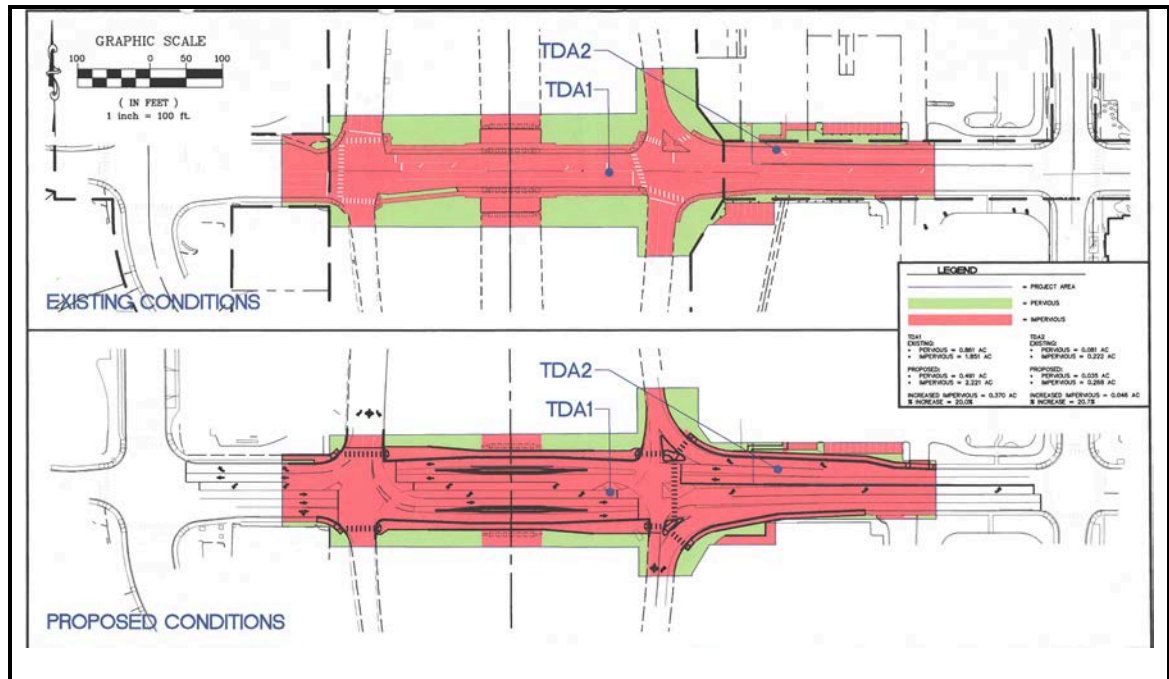
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION & PROPOSED OPTIONAL
MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)**

APPLICATION ID: College Way Road Widening – PL18-112

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposal is for the widening of roughly 1,200 linear feet of College way in the vicinity of the I-5 interchange to provide congestion relief, safety and extension of the life of the interchange. The project will add two additional lanes (from 4 to 6 lanes) on College Way by relocating the existing retaining walls for the I-5 overpass. The roadway will also be re-channelized to add left turn capacity. The project will replace traffic signals and retaining walls and will include pedestrian improvements. In addition, improvements will be made to the existing stormwater management system including installing new catch basins. The project will replace roughly 1,525 feet of existing 6-inch asbestos concrete, 8-inch cast iron, and 8-inch ductile iron water main with new 12-inch ductile iron pipe. The project will include 5,990 cubic yards of excavation and 3,700 cubic yards of fill. Approximately 17,025 square feet of new impervious surface will result from the proposal.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located within the City of Mount Vernon within Section 18, Township 34N, Range 4W, W.M. The majority of the construction will occur within the College Way and Freeway Drive right of way in the vicinity of the I-5/College Way interchange.

The exhibit map below illustrates the location of the project site.



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OPTIONAL MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS): As the Lead Agency, the City of Mount Vernon has determined that significant environmental impacts are unlikely to result from the proposed project. Therefore, as permitted under the RCW 43.21C.110, the City of Mount Vernon is using the Optional MDNS process to give notice that a MDNS is likely to be issued. Comment periods for the project and the proposed MDNS are integrated into a single comment period. There will be no comment period following the issuance of the Threshold Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS). A 10-day appeal period will follow the issuance of the MDNS.

| DETAILS: | | | |
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| Permit Application Date: | July 16, 2018 | Counter & Technically Complete: | July 16, 2018 |
| Permits/Review Requested: | Right of Way Permit and SEPA. Other City Permits that will be Required: None. | | |

| CONSISTENCY OVERVIEW: | | | |
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| Zoning: | NA, Right-of-Way | Comprehensive Plan: | NA, Right-of-Way |
| Environmental Documents that Evaluate the Proposed Project: | SEPA Checklist dated August 3, 2018. NEPA Categorical Exclusion Document; Floodplain Memo (Widener & Associates January 18, 2017), Hazardous Materials Memorandum (Widener & Associates January 18, 2017), Noise Report (Widener & Associates January 2017), Environmental Justice Memorandum (Widener & Associates January 18, 2017), Stormwater Report (Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering Inc. March 2017). | | |
| Development Regulations Used for Project Mitigation: | The project is subject to the City's SEPA Code, the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, Drainage, Engineering and Concurrency Requirements and other applicable local, state and federal regulations as appropriate. | | |

CONDITIONS BEING CONSIDERED TO MITIGATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. The project may require nighttime work and will obtain any necessary permits/permissions to comply with MVMC.
2. Minimize construction noise by turning off engines when not in use.
3. Positioning stationary noise sources such as generators and compressors as far away from receivers as possible.
4. Substitute hydraulic or electric models for impact tools such as rock drills or jackhammers.
5. Standard BMPs will be installed prior to construction and regularly maintained throughout the life of the project. The BMPs include but are not limited to: silt fence, straw wattles, temporary seeding, biodegradable erosion control fabric, and revegetation of disturbed areas.
6. The attached stormwater report includes detailed discussion of the specific BMPs that are suggested for the project. The project will incorporate the following measures at a minimum:
 - a. Preparation and implementation of an approved Temporary Erosion Sedimentation Control (TESC) plan.
 - b. Erosion control BMPs (silt fence, straw wattles, seeding, etc.) will be installed and maintained throughout construction, with new BMPs installed accordingly as site conditions change.
 - c. Tie in of the new stormwater main will be done during the dry season when there will be minimal or no flow into Kulshan Creek.
 - d. Conduct refueling operations at least 50 feet from any open water body.
 - e. Preparation of a Spill Prevention, Pollution, and Countermeasures (SPCC) plan for procedures and contacts to act upon in the event of a spill.
 - f. All washout water and waste materials will be fully contained and disposed of offsite in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.
7. To increase capacity of the Freeway Drive Pump Station, the existing force main will be upgraded from 10 inch diameter to 18 inch diameter. This will provide mitigation for increased impervious surfaces and minimize impacts to businesses during constructions.
8. Site constraints preclude the use of traditional BMPs for providing basic water quality treatment. In order to satisfy the basic requirements a cartridge system designed to fit inside a small vault or manholes will be used.

9. A Contaminated Soil and Groundwater Management Plan will be prepared prior to construction and will include the establishment of a staging area for any suspected contaminated soil or groundwater encountered near the listed sites of concern so that it came tested and analyzed. It will also establish procedures to follow if contaminated soil or ground water is encountered during construction activities. I contaminated soil or ground water is encountered during construction, the contract will require it to be contained, removed, and appropriately disposed of off-site in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.
10. Gas lines will be clearly identified to avoid inadvertent impacts during construction.
11. Any person engaged in ground disturbing activity who encounters or discovers historical and/or archeological materials in or on the ground shall:
 - a. Immediately cease any activity which may cause further disturbance;
 - b. Make a reasonable effort to protect the area from further disturbance; and,
 - c. Report the presence and location of the material to the proper authorities in the most expeditious manner possible.

Comments on the Notice of Application and Proposed Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) must be submitted, in writing, no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2018**. Comments should be as specific as possible. Any person may comment on the application, receive notice and request a copy of the decision once it is made. To receive additional information regarding this project contact the Development Services Department and ask to become a party of record.

City staff has created a page on the City's website where the site plans, technical reports, and other pertinent information can be viewed. This webpage can be viewed as follows: navigate to: www.mountvernonwa.gov; once here click on 'Departments' then 'Development Services' then then 'News & Notices' then scroll down the page to find the project name/number.

ISSUED: August 13, 2018

PUBLISHED: August 16, 2018

SENT TO: SEPA REGISTER, DOE, COE, COMMERCE, CNG, WDFW, DNR, DIKE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS (as applicable), DOT, FRONTIER, FRONTIER NW, DAHP, NW CLEAN AIR AGENCY, PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY, PSE, SAMISH TRIBE, SCOG, SKAGIT COUNTY PDS, PUD #1, SKAGIT RIVER SYSTEM COOPERATIVE, SKAGIT RIVER SYSTEMS, SVC, SKAT, SWINOMISH TRIBE, AND UPPER SKAGIT TRIBE