

**Chief Sealth Trail Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Project
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

The proposed project would provide water quality treatment for collected stormwater runoff from a 26-acre tributary basin before the runoff is discharged to Lake Washington. The project would split flow from an existing 18-inch diameter public storm drain (PSD) and convey the flow by gravity to a green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) facility for water quality treatment with new 12-inch diameter piping. Before entering the GSI facility, runoff would first pass through a new 48-inch diameter buried pretreatment pipe in Kenyon Way S to remove large debris and suspended sediments from the water. Approximately 100 linear feet of overland and partially buried 12-inch diameter conveyance piping would be installed to convey runoff water from the pretreatment pipe to the GSI facility. The new GSI facility would have a total footprint of approximately 900 square feet and be filled with flow-through vegetation planted to further remove suspended solids and pollutants from the water. After treatment, the stormwater would return to the existing PSD.

A concrete maintenance access pad would be located adjacent to the GSI facility to accommodate access for specialized maintenance vehicles required to occasionally clean the GSI facility and associated piping.

Proponent

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Location of Proposal

The project is in the Othello neighborhood of southeast Seattle, with improvements near the intersection of 39th Ave S and Kenyon Ave S. The project site is east of Wing Luke Elementary School and along the Chief Sealth Trail, a multi-use trail that runs parallel with Seattle City Light (SCL) power overhead power transmission lines. Improvements are also proposed within the right-of-way of Kenyon Way S. The project is within a mix of public right-of-way and on parcel 4006000330 owned by Seattle City Light (SCL).

Lead Agency

Seattle Public Utilities, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it does 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.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below. A copy of the environmental checklist is available online at

<https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/chief-sealth-trail>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by May 30, 2024 and must be sent by email to:

Nathan Hart, SEPA Responsible Official
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Signature: _____
Nathan Hart

Issue Date: May 16, 2024

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2024. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>