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Proposed Project: Granite Falls Bridge #102 Replacement

Dear SEPA Reviewer:

Snohomish County Public Works proposes to replace the Granite Falls Bridge #102 with a new bridge over the South Fork Stillaguamish River when funding becomes available. This bridge is located on the Mountain Loop Highway approximately 1.5 miles north of the center of Granite Falls, Washington. At this time, no timeline for construction has been determined.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1934 and is considered functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The proposed bridge would be wider and longer with two 15-foot wide travel lanes and two 5-foot wide sidewalks. Bicycles would share the 15-foot lanes.

The preferred alignment for the proposed bridge is adjacent to the existing bridge on the west (downriver) side. The existing bridge would be used for traffic during construction and then removed when the new bridge is complete. Replacement of the bridge is expected to occur in three phases as outlined below.

Phase 1:

The first phase of this project is to secure the right-of-way needed for the preferred alignment of the new bridge.

Phase 2

The second phase would be to secure construction funding, complete the design plans, specifications and contract documents, and obtain needed permits.

Phase 3:

The third phase would be construction of the new bridge. The proposed plan is to keep the existing bridge open during construction to accommodate traffic. A detour around the bridge is not practicable. Construction of the new bridge is expected to take one or two seasons. Following construction, the existing bridge would be removed.

Additional study and environmental review may be required as the design of the bridge progresses.

This letter is to let you know about this project and that an environmental review of the project has been completed. An Environmental Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) have been issued. The DNS states that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from construction of this project.

Copies of the Environmental Checklist are available during normal business hours from Snohomish County Public Works at the address below or visit www.snoco.org and search: Granite Falls Bridge replacement.

Comments on this project must be submitted by **April 28, 2014** to: Mary Auld, Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Mail Stop 607, Everett, WA 98201 or by email: mary.auld@snoco.org or call: 425-388-3488, extension 4510.

Sincerely,

Mary Auld, Senior Environmental Planner

Transportation and Environmental Services—Environmental Services Section



Snohomish County Public Works

PUBLIC NOTICE DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

PROJECT NAME:

Replacement of Granite Falls Bridge #102
Phase 1: Right-of-way Acquisition

PROJECT NUMBER:

RC 1622

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Snohomish County Public Works proposes to replace the Granite Falls Bridge #102 with a new bridge over the South Fork Stillaguamish River when funding becomes available.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1934 and is considered functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The proposed bridge would be wider and longer than the existing bridge. The existing bridge is approximately 28 feet wide and 336 feet long. The bridge has two 10-foot wide lanes and two 4-foot wide sidewalks. The proposed bridge would be approximately 406 feet long and 40 feet wide. There would be two 15-foot wide travel lanes and two 5-foot wide sidewalks. Bicycles would share the travel lanes. The deck of the proposed bridge would be about nine feet higher than the existing bridge deck.

The proposed bridge would be designed as a three span, concrete girder bridge. Span lengths would be 113 feet—180 feet—113 feet. Five girders would be required for each span. Utilities, such as a water line, would be installed below the bridge deck between the girders. The existing bridge would be used for traffic during construction and then removed when the new bridge is complete.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:

The project site is located on the Mountain Loop Highway about 1.5 miles north of Granite Falls in Snohomish County, Washington. The bridge spans the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The bridge is in the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 30N, Range 7E, W.M.

APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY: Snohomish County Public Works

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: 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 upon request.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the county's development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under RCW36.70A and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under chapter Snohomish County Code 30.61 SCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: This DNS is subject to a 14-day comment period. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to the lead agency's contact person. See name and address below. Comments must be received by 5 p.m., April 28, 2014.

APPEALS: This DNS may be appealed pursuant to the requirements of SCC 30.61.300 and Chapter 2.02 SCC. There is a 14-day appeal period on the DNS that commences from the date of publication of notice. Any appeal must be addressed to the County Hearing Examiner, accompanied by a filing fee of \$500.00, and be filed in writing at Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Robert J. Drewel Building, 2nd Floor, Customer Service Center, Everett, Washington. The appeal must be received by 5 p.m., April 28, 2014.

The appeal must contain the items set forth in SCC 30.71.050(5). In addition, SCC 30.61.305(1) also requires that any person filing an appeal of a threshold determination made pursuant to chapter SCC 30.61 shall file with the hearing examiner, within seven days of filing the appeal, a sworn affidavit or declaration demonstrating facts and evidence, that, if proven, would demonstrate that the issuance of the threshold determination was clearly erroneous.

CONTACT PERSON: Mary Auld, Senior Environmental Planner
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RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Steven E. Thomsen, P.E., Director
Snohomish County Public Works

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Signature:  _____ **Date:** April 1, 2014

DISCLAIMER:

The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. Snohomish County codes governing noise control, land use performance standards, construction and improvement of county roads, drainage control, building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to

deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

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County

Snohomish County Planning & Development Services
Snohomish County Public Works: Engineering Services Division; Road Maintenance Division

City

City of Granite Falls; Granite Falls School District

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Attachments: SEPA Checklist, Vicinity Map