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REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- MINUTES -

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Present: Randy Sandin, Lisa Verner, Steve Roberge and Kim Claussen.

1. Is a self-contained Metro comfort station allowed in the Rural zones?

Background

Metro operates an existing bus stop and bus layover area on SW 264th Street on Vashon Island. The site is adjacent to KC Fire District 13 Station at 26316 99th Ave SW. There is currently a portable temporary sanitation unit (sani-can) on fire station property for the bus operators that is accessed by a concrete walkway. The restroom is and would continue to be restricted to transit operators.

Metro bus shelters are currently an allowed exception within ROW setbacks and the request is to allow the comfort station to be included as an allowed exception as well under KCC 21A.12.170.

Discussion

The self-contained restroom has its own water tank and sewer holding tank/vault that requires infrequent pump truck service. The site needed is 100 square feet (8x12=96 sf). A restroom is

different from a bus shelter because it is a restricted use. A shelter is allowed in ROW setbacks under KCC 21A.12.170.M.

Comfort stations or restrooms are not identified uses in either “Government Services” (KCC 21A.08.060) or in “Regional Services” (KCC 21A.08.100). They are not allowed uses.

There appear to be two options to rectify this:

One option is to put forward a code amendment to add restrooms as permitted uses under “Government Services” or “Regional Services.”

A second option is to add 100 sf to the street ROW through a land segregation from the Fire District property.

Conclusion

The RRC recommends pursuing a land segregation to add 100 sf to the SW 264th Street ROW.

The RRC also recommends pursuing zoning code amendments to address transportation related facilities such as comfort stations because there will be more requests for them as bus routes in rural areas increase.