



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: 2022 King County Transportation Concurrency Management (TCM) Program update to King County Code (KCC) 14.70.

Date of Issue: March 1, 2023

Description of Proposal: This non-project action by King County Department of Local Services, Road Services Division to update the TCM program by adoption of an ordinance and map to amend the transportation concurrency chapter of the King County Code (KCC) 14.70.

The TCM program began in 1995 and is administered by the Road Services Division. This program satisfies requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.070. The purpose of the TCM program is to ensure the road level-of- service (LOS) standards in the King County Comprehensive Plan are achieved concurrently with development. According to the GMA, concurrent with development means that either transportation facilities, or strategies, are in place at the time of development, or that a financial commitment is in place to make the necessary transportation improvements or implement strategies within six years of the development.

Under the TCM program, unincorporated King County is divided into 13 travel sheds. Travel sheds are geographic areas within which development would be likely to use, or be affected by traffic on, arterials within the travel shed. King County will only accept development applications for development in travel sheds that pass the concurrency rating test as shown on the Concurrency Test Results Map in effect at the time of application, or for minor developments specifically identified in KCC 14.70.285.

KCC 14.70.270 (A) requires updating concurrency testing in even numbered years and submitting a report to the County Council explaining the technical assumptions and parameters used to update concurrency testing, including any resulting changes to the Transportation Concurrency Map. To this end, every two years, travel time data are collected for principal and minor arterials within each travel shed and concurrency testing evaluates travel time by arterial roadway mileage within each travel shed. Travel sheds that contain 15 percent or less of failing arterial mileage receive a concurrency test rating of “pass”. When a travel shed receives a concurrency test rating of “fail”, the travel shed is subject to development restrictions.

The 2022 TCM program test results received a concurrency rating of “pass” for all 13 travel sheds. This means that there was a rating change (i.e., update) in one travel shed: the Green River Valley. The Green River Valley travel shed has historically and as recently as 2020, received a concurrency rating of “fail”. This travel shed contains the Green River Valley Agricultural Production District. Given agricultural zoning, the Green River Valley travel shed has minimal development potential. As a result, the transportation concurrency rating change from “fail” to “pass” is not expected to result in an increase in development. The updated 2022 King County Transportation Concurrency Map was transmitted to the King County Council for approval, per requirements outlined within KCC 14.70.270.

Location of Proposal: Adoption of the TCM program update is not associated with a specific site, but applies to unincorporated King County as a jurisdiction.

Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Department of Local Services, Road Services Division

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The lead agency for the proposal determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA Environmental Checklist (ECL) and other information on file with the lead agency. Copies of the ECL are available on the project website at <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/roads/transportation-planning.aspx>.

This DNS is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date of issue, per WAC 197-11-502(3)(b).


Comments and Appeals: Although there is no administrative appeal of this threshold DNS (King County Code 20.44.120), the county welcomes your comments. **Any comments regarding this DNS must be received by March 15, 2023.** Comments may be submitted by email (recommended), US mail, or telephone.

All comments received by this deadline will be reviewed by the lead agency. If you have any questions or concerns, or require additional information, please contact Broch Bender, Communications Program Manager.

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