



NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER SEPA, RCW 43.21C.080, THAT THE KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ROAD SERVICES DIVISION TOOK THE ACTION DESCRIBED IN (2) BELOW ON JANUARY 21, 2019.

- Action Deadline:** Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of non-compliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before 4:30 p.m. on January 21, 2019.
- Description of Agency Action:** The King County Department of Transportation, Road Services Division (RSD) made a decision to proceed with the NE Old Cascade Highway, Miller River East and West Roadway and Drainage Improvement Projects #1129595 and #1129596. Following this Notice of Action Taken, RSD will obtain required permits and approvals for this project.
- Description of Proposal:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to fund RSD for infrastructure preservation work on NE Old Cascade Highway and West Cascade Highway, west of the City of Skykomish. This funding is available from FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) grant program. The total project cost is estimated to be \$4.5 million.

The project will provide roadway preservation repairs and drainage improvements to approximately three miles of NE Old Cascade Highway and West Cascade Highway that were impacted by storms in 2011. The storms created flooding and changed the course of the East Fork Miller River within the South Fork Skykomish drainage basin. The flooding washed out approximately 160 linear feet of NE Old Cascade Highway, including the western approach to Miller River Bridge #999W, resulting in closure of the historic landmarked bridge to vehicular traffic. This project does not impact the historic Miller River Bridge #999W.

Since 2011, project stakeholders underwent a lengthy public process to determine the feasibility of a variety of responses to this loss of infrastructure. RSD proposes a number of activities that are necessary to maintain the safe use and preserve the remaining sole access segments of NE Old Cascade Highway and West Old Cascade Highway, as follows:

- Construct a new cul-de-sac on the west side of the Miller River on NE Old Cascade Highway at Miller River Road NE
- Construct a new hammerhead turnaround area on the east side of the Miller River on West Old Cascade Highway
- Remove the short span Cascade Highway Bridge #999X over a tributary stream to the South Fork Skykomish River
- Remove roadway debris from the Type F (fish-bearing) East Fork Miller River, remove 1,156 linear feet asphalt/concrete roadway, and provide native planting on the eastbound lane
- Replace Culvert #1 conveying floodwater
- Replace Culverts #2, #3, and #4 conveying stormwater
- Replace Culvert #5 at a Type N (non-fish-bearing) stream
- Removal of a fish-passage barrier by replacement of Culvert #6 at a Type F (fish-bearing) stream
- Stabilize a steep slope/slide area
- Maintain approximately 3,300 linear feet of roadside ditches
- Repair, chip-and-seal approximately three miles of the remaining roadway

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During construction, existing native vegetation within the project area will be temporarily disturbed or removed. These areas will be replanted with native species and cover measures to ensure stabilization during the first growing season after construction is complete. The project also proposes to restore previously paved areas by removing paving and fill and providing amended soils and native planting.

Schedule: Project construction is dependent on acquisition of permits, approvals, and property easements that are anticipated to be completed in 2019/2020. Some work will be constructed by a Contractor and some work will be completed by King County RSD crews to minimize the duration of construction. Timing for work within critical areas will be limited to what is allowed per the project's permit and approval conditions. Mitigation planting for unavoidable impacts to site vegetation will generally occur in the fall or winter following construction.

4. **Location of Proposal:** The project is located on NE Old Cascade Highway and West Old Cascade Highway, west and east of Miller River Bridge #999W that is west of the City of Skykomish, Washington, in unincorporated King County. The site is located in Township 26 North, Range 11 East, and Sections 21, 27 SE, 27 SW, 27 NW, 28E, and 34 WM (Willamette meridian) and can be found on the Thomas Brother's Guide map, pages 514 and 515.
5. **Type of Environmental Review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA):** RSD is the SEPA lead agency for the proposal and reviewed project information, prepared a SEPA Environmental Checklist, and determined that the project does not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment, which resulted in issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance on October 25, 2018 with a comment period that ended on November 8, 2018. A SEPA environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c).
6. **Document Availability:** General project information is available on the project website at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/roads/old-cascade-highway.aspx>

Additional project information on file with the lead agency can be made available by contacting the project's Public Information Officer (contact information below).

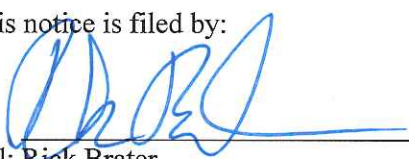
7. **Name of Agency, proponent or applicant giving notice:** King County Department of Transportation, Road Services Division

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8. **Person Filing Notice:** This notice is filed by:

Signature:

SEPA Responsible Official: 
Position/Title: Road Services Division Acting Director
Department of Transportation

Date:

