



King County

Department of Local Services
Road Services Division

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Project Name/Number: Southeast (SE) Green Valley Road and 218th Avenue SE
Intersection Improvement Project No. 1139145

Date of Issuance: June 17, 2026

Description of Proposal:

King County Road Services Division (Roads) is proposing a project at the four-leg intersection of Southeast (SE) Green Valley Road and 218th Avenue Southeast. SE Green Valley Road is a rural minor collector and 218th Avenue SE is a major arterial. This intersection services the traveling public from the cities of Auburn, Black Diamond, Covington, Enumclaw, and Kent. As these cities grow in population, the volume of traffic at the intersection increases. This intersection is a high-collision location. In 2021, the intersection was upgraded to an all-way stop as an interim safety measure to reduce right-angle collisions. To further improve visibility, flashing lights were added to the stop signs in 2025. A new single-lane roundabout will be constructed to ease congestion and improve intersection safety. By reducing the frequency and severity of collisions, the project ensures a more reliable flow of traffic. Additionally, the plan includes essential drainage upgrades, featuring a permanent stormwater infiltration pond.

The estimated total project cost is \$3.1 million. Project design has been funded through federal and local county funds. Roads is currently seeking additional funding for construction and right-of-way acquisition.

Location of Proposal:

The SE Green Valley Road at 218th Ave SE Intersection Improvement Project is located in unincorporated King County, southwest of Black Diamond and East of Auburn. The project area occurs in the NW quarter of Section 28, in Township 21N, and Range 06E, Willamette Meridian. The proposed project will be constructed largely within the existing right-of-way and will require acquisition of additional property on the parcels at each corner of the existing intersection. The geographic coordinates for the intersection are latitude 47.284 north and longitude 122.053 west.

Schedule:

The project construction schedule is dependent on acquisition of property, permits and approvals, and construction funding. It is anticipated that the project would begin and be completed in 2030.

Determination:

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 reviewing a complete SEPA Environmental Checklist (ECL) and other information on file with the lead agency. The ECL is available on the project website at <https://kingcounty.gov/se-green-valley-rd-roundabout>.

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).

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Signature Date: 6/8/2026

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 July 2, 2026. 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 questions or concerns, or require additional information, please contact the lead agency contact, Amy Bresslour.

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