SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

***Instructions for applicants*:**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

185th Street Multi-Modal Strategy Corridor (185th MCS)

2. Name of applicant:

City of Shoreline

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

September 4, 2019

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Shoreline

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

City Council Adoption October 28, 2019

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The 185th MCS will serve as the basis of design for a future design development phase when the City advances this study into a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

During winter 2019, the team developed a set of draft criteria to evaluate how well each draft mid-block cross section option benefited pedestrians, bicyclists, transit operators and riders, and motorists; as well as overall environmental and community benefits; high-level ROW impacts and construction costs. During the spring outreach series, the team shared the preliminary evaluation analysis of draft mid-block cross section options with the community and stakeholders, so they could compare the benefits and tradeoffs of each draft options.

The study team used the results of preliminary evaluation analysis as well as public and stakeholder feedback to develop the best of the best hybrid option referred to as the Recommended Option. The City of Shoreline's adopted traffic LOS (level of service) for measuring traffic concurrency was evaluated against the general-purpose traffic V/C (volume to capacity) ratios (which compares roadway demand or general-purpose vehicle volumes to roadway supply or carrying capacity) for each of the 185th MCS segment options.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Private development projects that may install frontage improvements consistent with the strategy along N/NE 185th Street, 10th Avenue NE, and NE 180th Street. will need land use and construction permits.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Future R-O-W and frontage improvements will be coordinated with the City of Shoreline and WSDOT (where applicable).

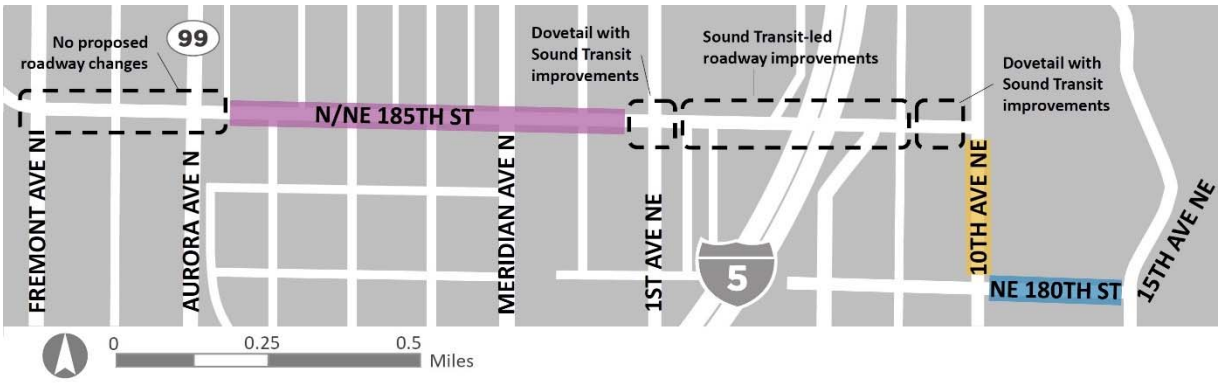
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The 185th Street Multimodal Corridor Strategy will provide a vision for the corridor that is safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, supports frequent bus and light rail service, addresses traffic flow, creates gathering spaces, and encourages neighborhood businesses.

The 185th MCS Report includes a refined corridor plan, intersection design analysis, ROW needs, utility coordination, conceptual design guidelines, cost estimate, project delivery approach, and funding strategy. The 185th MCS will serve as a guide to ensure that future public and private development projects contribute to a cohesive vision and will help the City competitively seek funding opportunities.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The 185th Street Corridor is anchored by the future light rail station on the east side of Interstate 5 and created by three roads: N/NE 185th Street, 10th Avenue NE, and NE 180th Street. For this study, the term “185th Street Corridor” is used to succinctly describe the collection of these three streets.



B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, **rolling**, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
Approximately 12% slope.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Varies, recent geologic mapping of King County (Booth and Wisher, 2006) identifies the City as primarily glacially derived or glacially overridden soils and the roadway is underlain with compacted fill.

d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity?** If so, describe.

There are small areas designated as slope hazards.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

This is a non-project action. Engineering plans will be developed at the time the CIP project is funded and/or as frontage improvements are installed as part of private development.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

The City has erosion control regulations in place such as preparation of a SWPPP prior to issuance of a grading permit. If ground disturbance exceeds one acre then an NDPES permit is also required.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

The roadways will be impervious; the bike paths and sidewalks could be either pervious or impervious pavement; the landscaping within the amenity zone will be pervious.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

This is a non-project action and no additional measures are needed.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

While this is a non-project action, the 185th MCS will expand and/or reconfigure the roadways to better accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and transit with the goal of shifting the mode split away from single occupancy vehicles and their emissions.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action and would not be affected by air quality.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

This is a non-project action and no additional measures are needed. The City has a plan and goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050.

3. **Water**

a. Surface Water:

1) **Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site** (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There is a wetland on the west side of I-5 along 185th Street, but Sound Transit will be responsible for constructing that portion of the improvements and will be performing separate environmental analysis for that work.

2) **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters?** If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not within the scope of 185th MCS.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

None, this is a non-project action.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

None, this is a non-project action.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No. Floodplain regulations are addressed in SMC 13.12.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

None, this is a non-project action and would not produce wastewater.

b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

None, this is a non-project action.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None, this is a non-project action.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

None, this is a non-project action and future roadway runoff would continue to be treated prior to discharge.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No, this is a non-project action and future water quality will be preserved during construction through the erosion control methods mentioned in B 1 f. and road runoff will continue to be collected and treated.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. Engineering plans will be developed at the time the CIP project is funded and/or as frontage improvements are installed as part of private development.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action and no additional measures are needed.

4. **Plants**

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

__X__deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

__X__evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
__X__shrubs
__X__grass
____pasture
____crop or grain
____ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
____water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
____other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

None, this is a non-project action. Implementation of the 185th MCS will require removal of some existing street trees, but replanting will occur within the amenity zone.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None directly on site, though the City of Shoreline is home to a number of priority species.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

This is a non-project action. Landscape plans including planting of street trees will be developed at the time the CIP project is funded and/or as frontage improvements are installed as part of private development.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action however the area covered by the 185th MCS may contain weeds and blackberries in unmaintained frontage strips.

5. **Animals**

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

Birds may pass through the project area or nest in street trees.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The larger region is part of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

This is a non-project action and not intended to provide wildlife habitat.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.
None known.

6. **Energy and Natural Resources**

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This is a non-project action, however vehicles will be powered by gasoline and electricity and street and stop lights will use electricity.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No, this is a non-project action.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action, however the 185th MCS will expand and/or reconfigure the roadways to better accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and transit with the goal of shifting the mode split to increase non-motorized trips.

7. **Environmental Health**

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

No, this is a non-project action.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

This is a non-project action. Any contamination discovered during future CIP project construction would be remediated at that time.

2) **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design.** This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

This is a non-project action. Future CIP project construction would be coordinated with affected utilities at that time.

3) **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project**.

None, this is a non-project action.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None, this is a non-project action.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None, this is a non-project action.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This is a non-project action, however there is noise associated with use of the existing roadways that may increase along with future traffic volumes.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

While this is a non-project action the affected roadways will continue to be open to traffic and generate noise around the clock. Future construction noise will be addressed through existing noise regulations.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action and no additional measures are needed.

8. **Land and Shoreline Use**

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The roadways included in the 185th MCS pass through a variety of residential and commercial land uses. The 185th Station Subarea is likely to continue to redevelop independently of the future roadway changes.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No, the project area is within a developed urban area.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No, the project area is within a developed urban area.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The area within the planned R-O-W covered by the 185th MCS contains various infrastructure including retaining walls, light poles, traffic signals, buildings, and a bridge over I-5.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

The implementation of the 185th MCS will require some partial and full property acquisitions.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The R-O-W is unzoned, but the roadway passes through Town Center, Mixed Use Residential, R-6, and Community Business.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
The R-O-W is unzoned, but the roadway passes through Town Center, Station Area 1, Station Area 2, Station Area 3, and Mixed Use 2.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
The project area is not within the shoreline jurisdiction.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
There is a wetland on the west side of I-5 along 185th Street and small areas designated as slope hazards.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
None.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
The occupants of approximately 12 buildings would be displaced.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
This is a non-project action and no additional measures are needed.

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
The process of developing the 185th MCS involved extensive outreach to residents, businesses and stakeholders and evaluation of various options to develop a solution that balances the competing interests and goals.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
None needed.

9. **Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
None, this is a non-project action for a transportation corridor.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
Approximately 12 buildings would be acquired. The buildings are mainly single-family homes and a few commercial buildings.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
This is a non-project action and no additional measures are needed.

10. **Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

This is a non-project action for a transportation corridor. When the strategy is implemented there will be light poles, bus shelters and signage along the roadway.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

This is a non-project action for a transportation corridor. When the strategy is implemented there will be improvements to the corridor that include street trees and transportation infrastructure that could affect views.

c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**
The 185th MCS has received extensive public review to develop a design that improves the character of the corridor and balances the multiple travel modes.

11. **Light and Glare**

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

When the strategy is implemented there will continue to be street lighting to improve roadway safety during the hours of darkness.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Street and bus stop lighting will improve visibility of pedestrians and bicycles and therefore improve safety for the users of the corridor.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Buildings and parking lots along the corridor will continue to have their own light fixtures.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action and after implementation light and glare will be similar to that existing on the corridor. No additional measures are needed.

12. **Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The Spartan Recreation Center is adjacent to the corridor and the Interurban Trail connects to the western end of the corridor at 185th Street and Aurora Ave/Midvale Avenue.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

The Strategy does not envision displacement of these uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

The 185th MCS includes upgrades to pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the corridor which could increase recreation opportunities.

13. **Historic and cultural preservation**

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

None known.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

No, this is a non-project action for a developed transportation corridor where no such resources exist.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

This is a non-project action for a previously developed transportation corridor.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

This is a non-project action and no measures are needed.

14. **Transportation**

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

The 185th Street Corridor is anchored by the future light rail station on the east side of Interstate 5 and created by three roads: N/NE 185th Street, 10th Avenue NE, and NE 180th Street.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

While this is a non-project action the 185th MCS will expand and reconfigure the roadways to better accommodate transit.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

When 185th MCS is implemented, approximately 50 on-street parking spaces will be removed for a portion of 185th Street from approximately 2nd Avenue through 10th Avenue. Currently 10th Avenue and most of NE 180th Street has no formal on-street parking. When the 185th MCS is implemented, approximately 50 on-street parking spaces will be added to the westside of 10th Avenue NE.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The 185th MCS sets out a recommended set of future improvements to the corridor that emphasize improved transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. Some of these may be constructed as frontage improvements to development sites while others will be constructed by the City or Sound Transit.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Segment	Location	Existing Peak Hour Volume	Future Peak Hour Volume
		(vehicles/hour)[1]	(vehicles/hour)[1]
Segment A	N 185th Street (Fremont Ave N to Midvale Ave N)	700	1065
Segment B	N/NE 185th Street (west of 1st Ave NE)	595	1840
Segment C	NE 185th Street (east of 1st Ave NE)	590	1,685
Segment D	10th Avenue NE	325	785
Segment E	NE 180th Street	195	430

Synchro modeling was used to estimate the future traffic volumes. Peak volume estimates are based on general-purpose vehicles. Projections for the percentage of the volume that would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles) has not be calculated at this time.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No, the project area is within a developed urban area.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

While this is a non-project action the 185th MCS will expand and reconfigure the roadways to better accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and transit. The only negative impacts would be during construction which would be mitigated as part of the future implementation.

15. **Public Services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No, when implemented the project should improve safety for users of the corridor.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

This is a non-project action and no measures are needed.

16. **Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

While this is a non-project action undergrounding of overhead utilities may be part of future implementation. Upgrades to telecommunications may also be considered during project implementation.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Nora Daley-Peng

Name of signee: Nora Daley-Peng

Position and Agency/Organization: Senior Transportation Planner, City of Shoreline

Date Submitted: 9/13/19

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(**IT IS NOT NECESSARY** to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

If implemented the corridor improvements would create noise during construction but may reduce the growth in traffic-related air emissions by better accommodating pedestrians, bicycles and transit.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Noise and pollution created from constructing the improvements proposed would be addressed by existing noise and erosion regulations.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Few direct impacts are expected as a result of implementing this set of improvements as this is an existing roadway. Street widening in some areas would modestly increase impervious surfaces though landscaping is included in the proposed cross sections.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Existing street trees will be preserved where possible or replaced if necessary, to implement the pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

This is a non-project action, however the 185th MCS will expand and/or reconfigure the roadways to better accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and transit with the goal of shifting the mode split to increase non-motorized trips. Energy and natural resources will be used in the construction and maintenance of the improvements.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

If implemented the project would act to improve multi-modal transportation choices thus reducing auto emissions.

4. **How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas** or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The project area is within a developed urban area and future construction would have minimal impacts on one wetland buffer and small areas of slope.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

The existing critical areas ordinance will address any minor impacts during future construction.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The 185th MCS project area is not within the shoreline. Improved access to high capacity transit may encourage the higher density development that is planned for the 185th Street Station Subarea.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None are needed as increased density adjacent to the corridor has already been analyzed and mitigated during the subarea planning process.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The 185th MCS project would improve reliability of transit through BAT (Business Access and Transit) lanes and safety of bicycle trips through separated bicycle lanes thereby increasing the attractiveness of these travel modes.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Increasing the share of transit and non-motorized trips is consistent with the City's sustainability strategy and Comprehensive Plan so no additional measures are needed.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The future implementation of the 185th MCS will not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment because compliance with state and federal laws are required.