



**CITY OF SULTAN
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

Project: Transfer Station Improvements

Applicant Name: Snohomish County Public Works, Solid Waste Division

Location of Proposal: 33014 Cascade View Dr, Sultan, WA 98294, Snohomish County tax parcel No. 28083300305000

Description of Proposal: The applicant has proposed grading and paving to increase the size of the existing transfer station area and adding a new, pre-built office.

Lead Agency: City of Sultan

Threshold Determination:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) **IS NOT** required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after reviewing the proposal. This information is available to the public for review upon request at Sultan City Hall, 319 Main Street, Sultan, WA 98294 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. This information is also available online at <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/167/Land-Use-Planning-Projects>

This Determination of Non-significance is issued using the DNS process in WAC 197-11-340; there is a comment period and an appeal period on the DNS.

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(X) This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days.

Date of Determination and Issuance: November 20, 2020

Deadline for Submitting Comments/Appeals: 5:00 P.M. on December 4, 2020

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Comment Period:

There is a fourteen-calendar day comment period for this Determination of Non-significance. (**Comment deadline: 5:00 p.m., December 4, 2020**). Comments on the DNS addressing environmental issues shall be submitted to the City of Sultan Planning Department at the address below.

Appeals:

Appeals to the above Determination of Non-Significance must be filed with the City of Sultan within fourteen calendar days of the date of issuance above (**Appeal deadline: 5:00 p.m., December 4, 2020**). Appeals must be filed in writing with the City of Sultan Planning Director at the address below. Appeals must be filed in accordance with SMC 17.04.240 "Appeals". Appeals shall set forth the specific reason, rationale, and/or basis for the appeal.

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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

October 5, 2020

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 [HELP]

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
Sultan Drop Box Improvements
2. Name of applicant:
Snohomish County Public Works, Solid Waste Division
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
Contact person:
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4. Date checklist prepared: **October 2, 2020**
5. Agency requesting checklist: **City of Sultan**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
The project is proposed to be constructed in Fall 2020 when all permits have been issued.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
No other future additions, expansions or further activities have been identified at this time.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
Critical Area Memorandum, Snohomish County Public Works
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.
No.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
This project will require a Commercial Building Permit and a Grading Permit from the City of Sultan.
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 Sultan Drop Box facility was constructed in 1976 to accept waste from residents of the City of Sultan. The facility is owned and operated by Snohomish County Public Works, Solid Waste Division. The 2.5-acre site is located on Cascade View Drive, south of US 2, within the limits of the City of Sultan. Waste deposited at the Drop Box facility is picked up by Snohomish County Solid Waste staff and transported to the nearest solid waste transfer station.

Snohomish County proposes to expand the facility to provide an additional paved area on the south side of the site. The additional concrete pad will be approximately 2,000 square feet. This extension of the pavement will increase operational efficiency and provide additional storage area.

Improvements also include replacing the attendant's booth with a new structure. The new attendant's booth will be constructed off site and installed at the Drop Box site.

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 Sultan Drop Box site is within Sultan city limits. The site is located south of US 2 at 33014 Cascade View Drive.

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

- a. General description of the site: (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other...

The Sultan Drop Box facility sits at an elevation lower than US 2 and several feet lower than Cascade View Drive, which provides roadway access to the site. The driveway leading from Cascade View Drive down to the drop box site deck is slightly sloped. The customer and storage area is a flat, paved surface.

To the south and east of the facility the property slopes down to an undeveloped, wooded area. The existing slopes are slight to moderate. There is a wetland and intermittent stream at the bottom of the slope. The change in elevation from Cascade View Drive (el. 190) to the wetland area below the facility (el.150) is approximately 40 feet.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

The steepest slope on the site is approximately 33 percent.

- 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.

The soil type found on the northern half of the site, which encompasses the driveway and part of the customer deck, is mapped as Sultan Silt Loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes. This soil is formed in alluvium, and consists of very deep, moderately well drained soils on flood plains. Typically, the surface layer is about 12 inches deep and dark grayish brown in color. Permeability of this soil is moderately slow and available water capacity is high. A seasonal high water table is at a depth of 24 to 48 inches from November to April.

The soil type found on the southern half of the site, which includes the rest of the drop box facility customer deck and container car access road, is mapped as Everett Gravelly Sandy Loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes. This soil was formed in glacial outwash, and is a deep, somewhat excessively drained soil that is found on terraces and outwash plains. Typically, the surface layer is approximately 6 inches deep and dark brown in color. Permeability of this soil is rapid, and available water capacity is low.

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

No.

- 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.

The proposed project will extend the paved area on the south side of the site to provide an additional storage area. This additional area, approximately 2,000 square feet, will be used to accommodate containers that temporarily store recyclables. When the containers are full, they will be transported to an approved recycling vendor.

A block wall will be constructed on the south side of the facility to extend the paved area. The block wall will minimize the area of fill required for the additional pavement. The wall will be constructed of ultra-block ecology blocks. Each block will be 2.5' x 2.5' x 5'. Fill will be placed behind the wall. After every row there will be a geo-textile fabric installed to retain the blocks. Screened pit run will be used for fill with a one-foot drain rock fill behind the blocks for drainage. All fill placed at the site will come from an approved County source.

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

Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control Best Management Practices would be used for temporary erosion and pollution control to minimize impacts from construction.

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

Approximately 2,000 square feet of new impervious surface will be added at the southwest corner of the site.

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

All disturbed areas will be seeded or planted after construction. Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan would be implemented during construction. Best Management Practices (BMPs), as outlined in the Washington Department of Ecology's 2005 Storm Water Manual for Western Washington, will be applied. The project will comply with the provisions of all applicable permits, and any disturbed natural areas will be reseeded or planted following construction.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Construction equipment, construction-related activities, and vehicles carrying workers and equipment to and from the site would result in minor, temporary increases in emissions and dust. There would be no increase in emissions once

construction is complete.

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

No

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

During construction, equipment emissions would not exceed state and national air quality standards. Equipment and trucks used during construction will be in optimal operational condition.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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 an unnamed Type Np stream (non-fish bearing) on the west and south side of the facility which conveys stream flow around the paved deck area. The stream flows to and discharges to a Type 1 catch basin on the southeast corner of the property. This water then flows off site through an existing 12-inch N-12 pipe to an undeveloped, wooded area below the Drop Box facility. This drainage flow path will be maintained.

The stream width varies from approximately 7 inches to 4 feet. The majority of the water appears to enter along its length from groundwater seeps in the gravelly soils.

The drainage feature meets the definition of a Type 4 water, according to the City of Sultan critical area regulations, Sultan Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 17.10.100 which classifies streams based on the water typing criteria in WAC 222-16-031. A Type 4 water includes all segments of natural waters within the bankfull width of defined channels that are perennial, non-fish habitat streams.

The project site is located approximately 650 feet west of the Wallace River. The Wallace River flows into the Skykomish River approximately .5 mile south of the project site. A relatively large wetland, associated with the Wallace River, is located approximately 300 feet southeast of the site. There will be no impacts to the river or wetland.

- 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.

The project will not impact the Wallace or Skykomish Rivers, or the large wetland south and east of the project site.

The additional pavement on the south side of the site will be adjacent to the stream. A retaining wall will be constructed, as part of the proposed improvements, to avoid placement of fill waterward of the stream ordinary high-water mark.

- 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.

No fill will be placed in wetlands or surface water.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **The proposal would not require any surface water withdrawals. The onsite drainage and the adjacent stream will be maintained in their current flow paths on the west and south side of the facility.**

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

The project does not lie within a FEMA 100-year floodplain. According to FEMA the site is located in an area of minimal flood hazard.

- 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.

No waste materials would be discharged to surface waters.

- b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

No groundwater would be withdrawn, or water discharged to groundwater.

- 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.

N/A

- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this stormwater runoff and groundwater from adjacent slopes flow

around the facility on the west and south side in a ditched stream. This flow is discharged to an undeveloped, wooded area in the southwest corner of the site via an existing Type 1 catch basin and 12-inch pipe.

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

No.

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

The existing drainage pattern will not be altered.

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

The project would comply with all applicable regulations. All appropriate measures, including Best Management Practices, would be employed to reduce surface, ground, and runoff water impacts

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

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

- deciduous trees: **Alder and Maple trees are found in the undeveloped area south and east of the facility**
- evergreen trees: **Western Red Cedar**
- shrubs: **Himalayan blackberry**
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: **watercress, soft rush**
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

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

Approximately 2,000 square feet of grass will be removed from the south side of the site where the retaining wall and additional pavement will be placed. Two cedar trees will be removed.

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

None are known to be on or adjacent to the project site. If such plant species are found all project work would comply with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act and other applicable regulations.

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

All disturbed areas will be replanted with native species or reseeded to enhance the vegetation of the site.

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

The working area of the site is paved. The unpaved areas adjacent to the facility are vegetated primarily with grass, weeds and several trees. An undeveloped portion of the site to the south and east includes Himalayan blackberry.

5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

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.

Birds: **hawk, songbirds, woodpeckers**

Mammals: **deer, opossum, raccoon, coyote, small rodents**

Fish: **none**

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

Chinook salmon, Puget Sound steelhead, and bull trout are threatened species with habitat mapped within the Wallace River. The Wallace River is located approximately 650 feet east from the proposed project. This river will not be impacted by the project.

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

Yes. The site is within the Pacific Flyway. Migratory waterfowl can be observed in the greater project vicinity.

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

Best management practices would be used during construction to minimize erosion and prevent sedimentation of surface waters. The Wallace River is located a sufficient distance from the project site to avoid in-stream habitat being impacted by sedimentation from construction activities.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None known.

6. **Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

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.

Electricity is currently supplied to the Drop Box Facility to provide site lighting and phone service. This will be continued when the upgrades to the facility are completed. No new utilities are proposed for the site.

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

No.

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:

Lighting will be controlled by timers and photocells to automatically turn off lights. The new attendant's booth will be insulated to meet current codes.

7. **Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

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 change to current operations will occur under this proposal. The Snohomish County Public Works, Solid Waste Division will continue to operate programs currently in place. These programs are detailed in the site specific Operation and Maintenance Manual, including the Spill Prevention Plan, and include automotive fluid drop off, metals recycling, fluorescent lighting drop off, and solid waste handling.

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

None present.

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.

None present. There are no utilities on the site other than an overhead power line. A septic tank is located under the attendant's building.

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.

Motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries can be brought to the site for disposal. Toxic or hazardous chemicals and materials such as pesticides, herbicides, solvents, and paint would be transported to facilities in Everett for disposal. Additional

information is found on the Snohomish County Solid Waste Division website under the Acceptance Policy.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
Emergency response vehicles may be required in the event of a construction accident. The completed project would not require any additional emergency services.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
Spill control and clean-up material would be staged onsite. The crew leader, or other designated person, would have a spill control plan and be trained in spill prevention and clean up. All equipment would be well maintained and in good repair to prevent the loss of any petroleum products. Refueling and vehicle maintenance would potentially occur, however, a spill containment plan will be in place.

b. *Noise*

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
No noise in the area would affect the proposal.

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.

During construction (short-term), there would be increased noise levels generated by heavy equipment. These noise levels are likely to exceed existing background levels associated with residences in the vicinity. However, there are few residential properties near the site. No increase in noise levels would be generated on a long-term basis from the project. Construction would occur during weekdays and daylight hours.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
Construction would occur during weekdays and daylight hours.

8. **Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

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 current use of the site is as a Solid Waste Drop Box disposal facility. There is one residence to the northeast of the site, and a Snohomish County Fire District #5 training facility across Cascade View Drive, northwest of the site.

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?

The site has not been used as working farmlands or working forest lands.

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:

The proposed site will not be affected by working farm or forest land operations.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

There is a small attendant booth and a port-a-potty at the entrance to the customer deck. There are small storage sheds on the west side of the deck.

There is no sewer or septic drain field on the site. There is a tank underneath the attendant booth that is pumped out by a septic pumper. There is a temporary metal awning structure that sits on grade for Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) recycling. On the east side of the facility there is a 9-foot high concrete wall that separates the customer area above from the dumpsters below.

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

The existing site attendant's booth (10' wide x 10' long x 12' high) will be removed and replaced with a new, pre-fabricated structure. The new attendant's booth will be 10' wide x 20' long x 12' high.

The existing Moderate Risk Waste awning (13' Wide x 28' long x 9' high) will be removed. The new awning to be installed will be 16' wide x 28' long x 9' high.

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

The City of Sultan zoning classification is Economic Development.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The City of Sultan Comprehensive Plan designation is Economic Development with a Public and Institutional Overlay Zone.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

The stream, located along the west and south side of the project area, is defined as a Type 4 water and regulated under the City of Sultan's Municipal Code. The stream will not be impacted by the proposed project.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

There would be two customer service employees on-site during the hours the facility is open to the public. Other employees would be present when the dumpster cars are being removed and replaced.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/A

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

N/A

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

N/A

9. **Housing** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
N/A
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
N/A

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?
The proposed attendant's booth will be 12 feet tall. The prefabricated structure will be constructed of wood.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
None.
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
None.

11. **Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
The site does have existing lighting. There will be no change in the lighting.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
N/A
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
Existing off-site sources of light or glare would not affect the proposal.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
None proposed.

12. **Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
Swimming, fishing, and boating occur on the nearby Skykomish River and the Wallace River, along with hiking and wildlife spotting in the general vicinity.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
The proposal would not displace any existing recreational uses.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
No impacts to recreation are anticipated as a result of either project construction or completion.

13. **Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.
There are no known buildings, structures or sites located on or near the site that are over 45 years old. There are no recorded sites located where potential ground disturbance activities are anticipated.
- 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.
The City of Sultan Cemetery is located approximately .13 miles southwest and downhill from the site. The project will not impact the Cemetery.
- 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.
The project site was screened by Public Works to determine proximity to known archaeological and cultural sites using Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) GIS data.
- 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.
While the majority of the site has undergone extensive disturbance, during construction the contractor would monitor the site for potential cultural materials. If artifacts are uncovered within the project area, work in that area would be stopped, a professional archaeologist would be brought in to evaluate the artifacts, and the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation would be notified.

14. **Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

- 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 site is accessed via Cascade View Drive, which connects to US 2.
- 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?
The site is not served by public transit. The closest Community Transit routes (270, 271 and 277) are located on US 2. The Sultan Park and Ride is located to the west of the project site.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

A graveled portion of the property in the northwest corner of the site will be used to provide several additional parking spots.

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).

N/A

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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

The Garbage Collection Area and the Recycling Area are currently open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A maximum of five cubic yards is accepted from one customer, per load. The facility averages 98 customers per day of operation. Customer and staff trips yield 206 trips per day.

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.

None

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

To ensure adequate processing time, customers must be at the site at least 30 minutes before closing time. Customers are responsible for unloading their own vehicles.

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

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.

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

None

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

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

Electricity is available at the project site and is provided by Snohomish County PUD. The City of Sultan provides water and sewer service in the area. There is a water hydrant on the opposite side of Cascade View Drive and a water line located within the roadway. However, the project site does not have water service. There is a sanitary sewer stub at the southwest corner of the project site. Verizon provides phone service to the site.

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.

Electrical service will be maintained at this site. One new utility pole will be installed.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

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: 

Name of signee: Mary Auld

Position and Agency/Organization: Senior Planner/Snohomish County Public Works

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