



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND LIKELY SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
City of La Center Road Pavement and Clark Public Utilities Water Main and Flow Station Project
(File # 2022-015-SEPA)**

Description of proposal: The applicant proposes to improve La Center Road including repaving and reconstructing portions of the road, construction of a new waterline in La Center Road, placement of a concrete barrier along the road adjacent to the gravel parking area, and reconstruction of a potable water flow station at the NW Timmen Road intersection. Further details are as follows:

- The City of La Center (City) will repave 2,150 lineal feet of the westbound travel lane of La Center Road between NW Timmen Road and the Lewis River Bridge with a 3-inch depth asphalt overlay.
- The City will reconstruct 200 lineal feet of the westbound travel lane with placement of a 6-inch diameter perforated pipe to drain groundwater.
- Clark Public Utilities (CPU) will construct a 12-inch diameter water main between NW Timmen Road and the Lewis River Bridge – a distance of approximately 2,000 lineal feet. The waterline will be placed under the road pavement at the north edge of the road.
- The City will place a concrete barrier on the gravel parking area adjacent to the north side of La Center Road to prevent access for parking except for emergency access and some limited parking during summer months.
- CPU will reconstruct a potable water flow station to be located within the north shoulder of the La Center Road and NW Timmen Road intersection. The existing flow station is malfunctioning due to age and environmental conditions. The proposed flow station will include a flow control valve manifold within a small utility single-story building.

Likely SEPA DNS: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, an application has been submitted as noted below and based on a review of that application, the City of La Center expects to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal pursuant to the “Optional DNS process” allowed by State Law (WAC 197-11-355) and the La Center Municipal Code (LCMC 18.310). A copy of the determination may be requested now and will be mailed when available. Comments received within the deadline, will be considered in the review of the proposal and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist. ***This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal and no additional comment period will be provided, unless probable significant environmental impacts are identified during the review process, which would require additional study or special mitigation.*** The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures.

Any person has the right to comment on this application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once made, and appeal the final SEPA determination of the project. **Written comments submitted by 5:00 PM on May 3, 2022 will be considered in the application and amended SEPA determination.** Please send comments to the City of La Center, Community Development, 210 E 4th Street, La Center, WA 98629 or by email to Jessica Nash, Permit Technician, at jnash@ci.lacenter.wa.us

Application: City of La Center Road Pavement and Clark Public Utilities Water Main and Flow Station Project (File # 2022-015-SEPA)

Application date: April 19, 2022

Technically Complete: April 19, 2022

Proponent/applicant: Representative: Tony Cooper, P.E., City Engineer, City of La Center. 210 East 4th Street, La Center, WA 98629. Applicant: Same as representative.

Property owner: City of La Center.

Location of proposal: La Center Road right-of-way between NW Timmen Road and the Lewis River Bridge.

Public Hearing: Not applicable. A public hearing will not be required.

Existing Environmental Documents relied upon: SEPA requires that a review of the potential environmental impacts be conducted. City staff and interested agencies will review the proposal for compliance with applicable state requirements and city codes. Through this process, a determination will be made as noted under the following statement of determination.

The following environmental documents were relied upon in the City's assessment of a likely determination of non-significance: SEPA Environmental Checklist dated, April 13, 2022; Archaeological Predetermination Survey for the City of La Center to Install a Water Line (Report No. 2574) dated April 5, 2022; La Center Road Paving project plans dated April 22, 2020; Geotechnical Site Investigation (Columbia West Engineering, Inc.) dated March 8, 2022; and Flow Station and 12-inch Water Main Plans (CPU) dated March 23, 2022.

Statement of Determination: As lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules [Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code] the City of La Center must determine if there are potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with this proposal. The options include the following:

- Determination of Significance – (DS). The impact cannot be mitigated and therefore requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance – (MDNS). The impact can be mitigated through conditions of approval, or;
- Determination of Nonsignificance – (DNS). The impacts can be addressed by applying the city codes.

Approval Standards/Applicable Laws: The following standards will apply to the application: 18.300 Critical Areas; 18.310 Environmental Policy; 18.320 Stormwater and Erosion Control; and 18.360 Archaeological Resource Protection.

Mitigation Measures: The applicant will be required to comply with all applicable approval standards and laws in addition to the following project-specific mitigation measures:

- General: The applicant shall construct the project in substantial conformance with the La Center Road Paving Project plans dated April 22, 2020 and the Flow Station and 12-inch Water Main Plans dated March 23, 2022.
- Earth: The applicant shall comply with the City's erosion control and stormwater requirements in LCMC 18.320 (Stormwater and Erosion Control) during construction.
- Earth: The applicant shall comply with the recommendations of the Geotechnical Site Investigation by Columbia West Engineering, Inc. dated March 8, 2022.
- Air: Construction equipment shall have manufacturer's standard emission's equipment.
- Air: The contractor shall implement standard best management practices such as watering to control dust during construction.
- Air: The emergency power generator shall meet all Southwest Clean Air Agency requirements for emergency power generators and the applicant shall obtain all necessary permits from the Southwest Clean Air Agency prior to construction.
- Water: The applicant shall comply with the City's erosion control and stormwater requirements in LCMC 18.320 (Stormwater and Erosion Control) during construction.
- Plants: The applicant shall replace all grass or other vegetation removed during construction.
- Plants: The applicant shall screen the flow station facility in compliance with the requirements of LCMC 18.245.

- Environmental Health: The applicant shall apply hot mix asphalt concrete in accordance with all federal and state regulations.
- Environmental Health: The applicant shall prepare and implement a spill control plan, which will include the proper use and storage of hazardous materials, and a hazardous material spill response and clean up protocol, in the event of a mishap.
- Environmental Health (Noise): The contractor's construction equipment must make sure their equipment meets the noise levels in Washington Administrative Code Chapter 173-60.
- Environmental Health (Noise): Construction is limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Land and Shoreline Use: The applicant shall comply with the recommendations of the Geotechnical Site Investigation by Columbia West Engineering, Inc. dated March 8, 2022.
- Land and Shoreline Use: CPU shall apply for all applicable land use permits for the flow station building including, but not limited to preliminary and final site plan review and critical areas permit prior to construction, as applicable.
- Light and Glare: All proposed exterior lighting for the flow station, if proposed, shall comply with the City of La Center's outdoor lighting standards in LCMC 18.282.
- Recreation: The contractor shall only be allowed access to the gravel parking area west of La Center Road during construction.
- Recreation: The applicant shall place signs at the entrances to the gravel parking area west of La Center Road 48 hours in advance of closing the area that notifies the public of the parking lot closure and shall maintain the signs throughout construction. Access to the recreational parking area east of the bridge shall be maintained throughout construction.
- Historic and Cultural Preservation: In the event that any archaeological or historic materials are encountered during project activity, work in the immediate area (initially allowing for a 100-foot buffer; this number may vary by circumstance) must stop and the following actions must be taken:
 - Implement reasonable measures to protect the discovery site, including any appropriate stabilization or covering;
 - Take reasonable steps to ensure confidentiality of the discovery site; and,
 - Take reasonable steps to restrict access to the site of discovery.

The applicant shall notify the concerned Tribes and all appropriate county, city, state, and federal agencies, including the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the City of La Center. The agencies and Tribe(s) will discuss possible measures to remove or avoid cultural material, and will reach an agreement with the applicant regarding actions to be taken and disposition of material. If human remains are uncovered, appropriate law enforcement agencies shall be notified first, and the above steps followed. If the remains are determined to be Native, consultation with the affected Tribes will take place in order to mitigate the final disposition of said remains.


See the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 27.53, "Archaeological Sites and Resources," for applicable state laws and statutes. See also Washington State Executive Order 05-05, "Archaeological and Cultural Resources." Additional state and federal law(s) may also apply.

Copies of the above inadvertent discovery language shall be retained on-site while project activity is underway.

Contact	Information
Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Nathan Reynolds, Interim Cultural Resources Manager	Phone: 360-575-6226; email: nreynolds@cowlitz.org
City of La Center, Bryan Kast, Public Works Directors	Phone: 360- 263-5189; email: bkast@ci.lacenter.wa.us
Office of the Clark County Medical Examiner (for human remains)	Phone: 564-397-8405; email: medical.examiner@clark.wa.gov
Washington DAHP, Dr. Allison Brooks, Ph.D, Director	Phone: 360-586-3066; email: Allyson.Brooks@dahp.wa.gov

- Transportation: The applicant is required to maintain access to properties fronting La Center Road throughout construction.

Responsible Official: Greg Thornton, Mayor

Date: 4-19-22 **Signature:** 

Issued: April 19, 2022



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Attached is a likely SEPA environmental Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) and associated environmental checklist issued pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules (WAC 197-11). The City (lead agency) completed evaluation of the environmental checklist as required by WAC 197-11. You may comment on this likely determination within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of this notice April 19, 2022. The lead agency will not act on this proposal until the close of the **14-day comment period, which ends May 3, 2022.**

Please address any correspondence to: Jessica Nash, Permit Technician
ATTN: SEPA COMMENTS – La Center Road Improvements and
CPU Flow Station
210 East 4th Street
La Center, WA 98629

DISTRIBUTION:

Federal Agencies: National Marine Fisheries, PRD Division (Mail)
US Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Functions (Mail)

Native American Interests: Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde (Mail)
Cowlitz Tribe, Longview, WA (Mail and email)\
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

State Agencies: Dept of Ecology (Email)
Dept of Health, Office of Drinking Water (Email)
Dept of Commerce (Email)
Dept of Fish & Wildlife, Region 5 (Email)
Dept of Natural Resources, SEPA Center (Email)
Dept of Transportation, Environmental Services (Email)
Dept of Transportation, SW Region (Email)
Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (Email)
Washington Parks & Recreation Commission (Email)

Local Agencies: City of Ridgefield (Email)
Clark County, Dept of Community Development (Email)
Clark County, Dept of Health (Email)
Clark County, Dept of Parks & Recreation (Mail)
Clark County, Dept of Public Works (Email)
Clark County Sheriff
Clark County Fire and Rescue
Town of Yacolt (Email)
La Center Police Department

School Districts: La Center (WA) School District (Mail)

Special Purpose Agencies: Clark Public Utilities (Email)
Columbia River Economic Development Council (Email)
C-TRAN (Email)
Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Southwest Clean Air Agency
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
Clark Regional Wastewater District
KWRL Transportation Cooperative

Libraries: Fort Vancouver Regional Library, La Center (Mail)

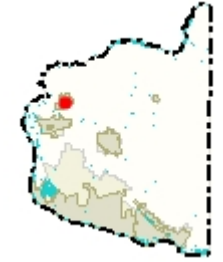
Fire Districts: Clark County Fire & Rescue

Media: The Columbian

Other Interested Parties: Audubon Society, Vancouver (Mail)
Clark County Natural Resources Council (Email)
NW Natural (Mail)
Vancouver Wildlife League (Mail)



NW La Center Road



Legend

- Taxlots
- All Roads**
 - Interstate
 - State Route
 - Arterial
 - Forest Arterial
 - Minor Collector
 - Forest Collector
 - Private or Other
- Cities Boundaries
- Urban Growth Boundaries

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