



**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**  
**Pacific Highway Sewer Reconstruction (File # 2016-008-SEPA)**

**Description of proposal:** The project will replace an existing 8-inch diameter sewer with a new 18-inch diameter sewer to serve future development of property upstream of the sewer. The sewer location is within public right-of-way and will generally parallel the existing 8 inch sewer line but will be slightly horizontally reconfigured for safer access by utility personnel. The project will not impact critical areas or shorelands.

**Proponent:** City of La Center 305 NW Pacific Highway La Center, WA 98629.

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** Intersection of Pacific Highway and W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., La Center, WA

**Lead agency:** City of La Center

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 review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below.

The public is welcome to testify in writing. Comments must be submitted by: **4:30 PM on May 11, 2016.**


**Responsible Official:** Greg Thornton

**Position/Title:** Mayor

**Address:** RE: SEPA Comments – Pacific Highway Sewer Reconstruction

305 NW Pacific Highway

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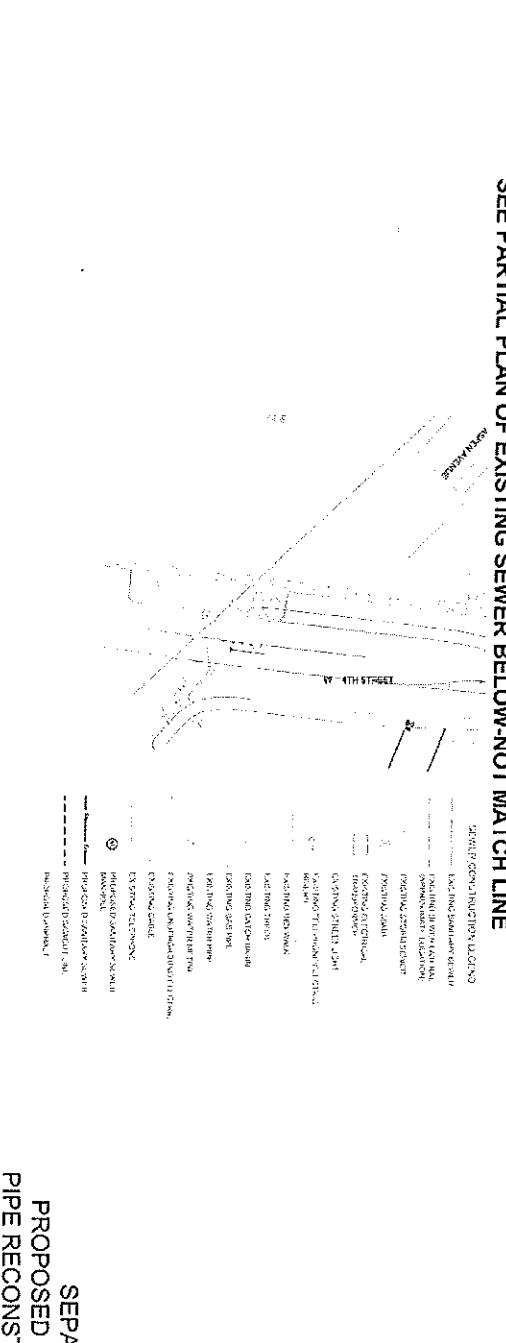
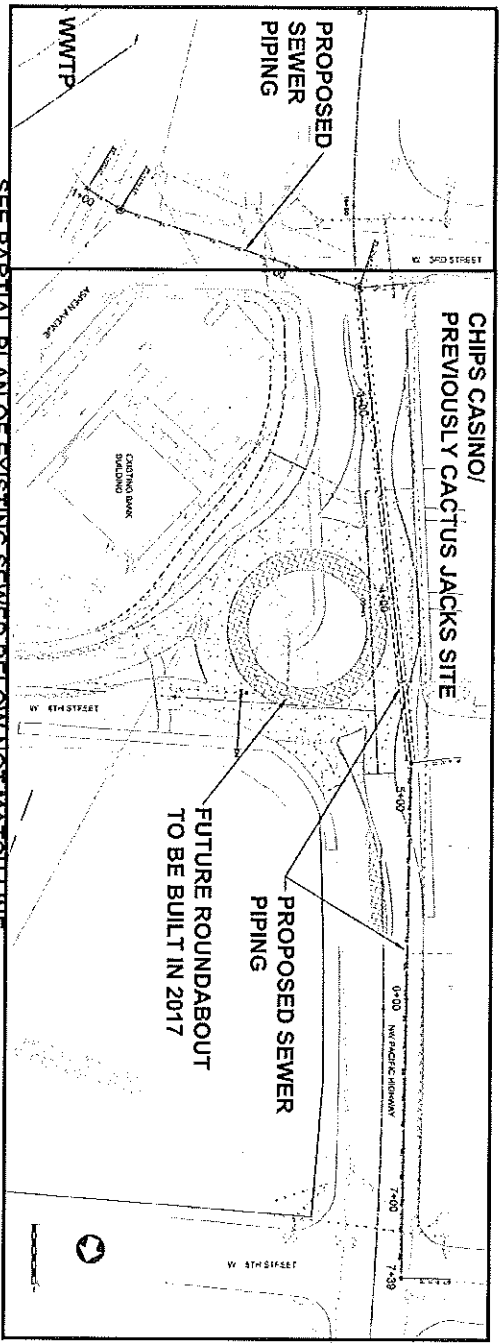
Date: 4-20-16 Signature: 

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Issued: April 27, 2016

# SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

## NW PACIFIC HWY & 4TH STREET ROUNDABOUT



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SHEET 1 OF 6



## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

### *Purpose of checklist:*

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

### *Instructions for applicants:*

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

### *Use of checklist for non-project proposals:*

Complete the checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." In addition, complete the supplemental sheet for Non-project Actions (part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:  
**City of La Center Sewer Reconstruction**
2. Name of applicant:  
**City of La Center**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
**City of La Center Public Works  
305 NW Pacific Highway  
La Center, WA. 98629  
c/o Tony Cooper, PE, City Engineer**
4. Date checklist prepared:  
**April 18, 2016**
5. Agency requesting checklist:  
**City of La Center**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):  
**Construction June to September 2016**
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.  
**No. This project is to upgrade an existing sewer from an 8-inch diameter sewer line to an 18-inch diameter sewer.**
8. List any environmental information you know about, that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
**There has been a previous Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment done for the parcel identified as the existing bank parcel on the plans. This parcel was purchased to facilitate construction of the roundabout in 2017. Appendix B of the assessment describes the removal of underground tanks at an old gas station called Cactus Jacks approximately 100 feet west of the sewer line construction. These underground tanks were decommissioned as stated in the report. Soil contamination was present at one of the tank locations. Soil removal and remediation occurred under a WA Dept. of Ecology Permit. Further soil testing was done and no additional contamination was detected following removal of the contaminated soil. The Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment and Appendix B were prepared in March of 2012 by AMEC Environmental & Infrastructures Inc.**
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.  
**There are no applications are pending for governmental approval.**
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.  
**Right of Way Permit, Erosion Control Permit**

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including 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 project consists replacing an existing 8-inch diameter sewer with a new 18-inch diameter sewer to serve future development of property upstream of the sewer. The sewer location will generally parallel the existing 8 inch sewer line but will be slightly horizontally reconfigured for safer access by utility personnel.**

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 new sewer line will be located within public right-of-way at the intersection of Pacific Highway and 4<sup>th</sup> Street and will be constructed within the existing Pacific Highway paralleling the existing 8 inch sewer line.**

## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

### **1. Earth**

- a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_ Existing Roadway – Pacific Highway\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**The steepest slope is along the road and is 5% maximum.**

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (the example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

**A combination of Hillsboro Silt Loam and Gee Silt Loam. The lands along the construction are developed to urban levels.**

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

**There are no slopes greater than 5% in the area. The area is developed to urban density.**

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed.

**Excavation will produce approximately 1,100 cubic yards of material that will be removed and hauled away. Aggregate base will be used predominately for backfill of the trench.**

Indicate source of fill.

**There is no fill anticipated for the project.**

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

**The work is within an existing paved roadway. Standard trenching and shoring will be performed throughout the project. No erosion is anticipated.**

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

**No additional impervious surface will be created as part of the sewer project since construction will only occur within existing asphalt surfaces.**

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

**Silt fence, hydroseeding, straw and slope protection per the City of La Center Ordinance.**

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

**Normal construction vehicles will be used such as an excavator and dump trucks. These vehicles will have appropriate emission control per state law. Minimal dust is anticipated during construction. Measures will be required by the contractor to control dust if it occurs.**

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

**None.**

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

3. Water

- a. Surface:

- i. 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.

**No.**

- ii. 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.

**No.**

- iii. 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.

**None.**

Indicate the source of fill material.

**No fill is required in this project.**

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

**No.**

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

**No.**

vi. 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.**

b. Ground:

i. Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

**No**

ii. 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 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.**

c. Water runoff (including storm water):

i. 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?

**Stormwater will not affect this project since it is reconstruction of the existing sanitary sewer.**

Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

**No.**

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

**No.**

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

**There will be no impacts to surface water since there is no added impervious area.**

4. Plants

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

\_\_\_ Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

\_\_\_ Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

- \_\_\_\_\_ shrubs
- \_\_\_\_\_ grass
- \_\_\_\_\_ pasture
- \_\_\_\_\_ crop or grain
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 – within existing paved area.**

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

**None known.**

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

**No impacts to existing landscaping.**

5. Animals

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

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

**No known endangered species are known adjacent to paved right-of-way.**

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

**No.**

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

**None**

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.

**None.**

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

**No.**

If so, generally describe.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?



None

List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

7. Environmental health

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

No.

- i. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

**The requirements of LCMC 12.10 Section 1.55 (Environmental Protection During Construction) apply to this project.**

- ii. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

**Work associated with this construction project will comply with LCMC 12.10 Section 1.55 (Environmental Protection During Construction).**

- b. Noise

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

**Construction Noise**

- ii. 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.

**The only noise that will be generated is from construction and will occur generally during 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Use proper engine mufflers, protective sound reducing enclosures where appropriate.**

- iii. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

**None.**

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

**Public Roadway/Pacific Highway maintained by the City of La Center. The majority of the sewer pipe construction will occur in Pacific Highway and a small portion on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

**No**

- c. Describe any structures on the site.  
**No structures exist on the public street.**
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?  
**No**
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
**Pacific Highway is a public roadway.**
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
**N/A**
- 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 an “environmentally sensitive” area? If so, specify.  
**No.**
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
**N/A**
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
**N/A**
- 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:  
**The proposed sewer upgrade is consistent with the City of La Center General Sewer Plan.**

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
**N/A**
- c. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
**N/A**
- d. 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?  
**N/A**
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?  
**N/A**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:  
N/A
11. Light and glare
- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?  
N/A
- 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?  
N/A
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:  
N/A
12. Recreation
- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?  
N/A
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.  
N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:  
N/A
13. Historic and cultural preservation
- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.  
N/A
- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.  
N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:  
None.
14. Transportation
- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.  
**Sewer Line Project is within Pacific Highway. Appropriate traffic control measures during construction will be implemented.**
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?  
N/A

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

N/A

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

**The plans show that a new trench will be excavated approximately 4-feet to 5-feet wide and will be replaced with asphalt to match the existing road elevation.**

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

N/A

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, when peak volumes would occur.

N/A

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

**Construction impacts to transportation are temporary.**

15. Public services

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

No.

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

N/A

16. Utilities

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

N/A

- 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.

N/A

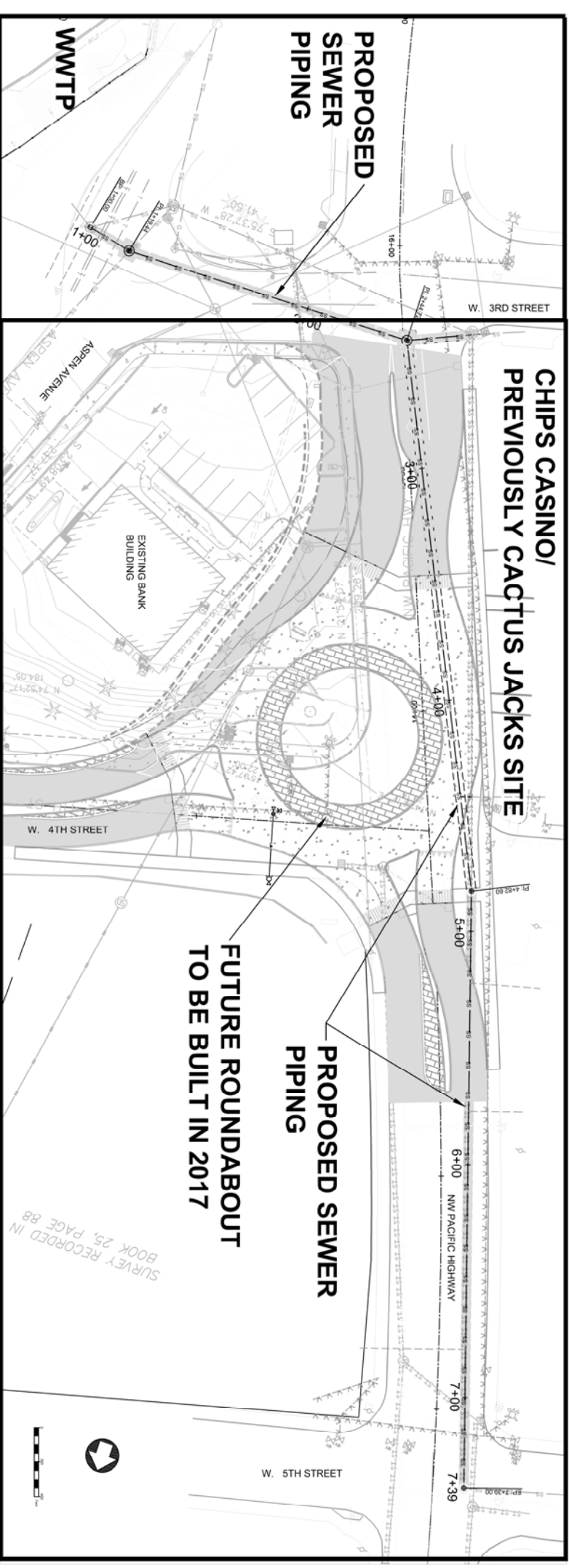
C. Signature

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.

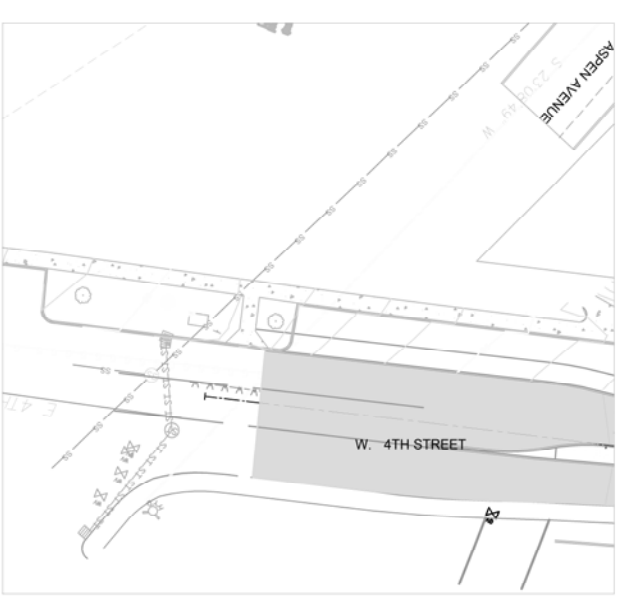
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# SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

(NW PACIFIC HWY & 4TH STREET ROUNDABOUT)



SEE PARTIAL PLAN OF EXISTING SEWER BELOW-NOT MATCH LINE



**SEWER CONSTRUCTION LEGEND**

—S—S—	EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
- - -S- - -	EXISTING SEWER LATERAL (APPROXIMATE LOCATION)
- - -S- - -	EXISTING STORM SEWER
⊙	EXISTING SSMH
□	EXISTING ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER
○	EXISTING STREET LIGHT
○	EXISTING TELEPHONE/ELECTRIC RISERS
—	EXISTING SIDEWALK
—	EXISTING TREES
⊠	EXISTING CATCH BASIN
—	EXISTING GAS PIPE
—	EXISTING WATER PIPE
—	EXISTING WATER METER
—	EXISTING UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC
—	EXISTING CABLE
⊙	EXISTING TELEPHONE
⊙	PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
—S—S—	PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER
- - -S- - -	PROPOSED SAWCUT LINE
■	PROPOSED ASPHALT

FUTURE ROUNDABOUT TO BE BUILT IN 2017

PROPOSED SEWER PIPING

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PROPOSED SEWER  
PIPE RECONSTRUCTION



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