

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING  
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**Description of current proposal:** The Center City Connector is a segment of the Seattle Streetcar network. When completed it will link the South Lake Union and First Hill Streetcar lines and connect over a dozen neighborhoods in Seattle's Center City. The project includes: 1) new trackway along Stewart Street from the Westlake Intermodal Hub at the junction of Stewart Street and Westlake Avenue to First Avenue near Pike Place Market turning south along First Avenue to connect with the First Hill Streetcar Station in Pioneer Square; 2) a new turn-around track on Republican Street between Westlake Avenue and Terry Avenue; 3) four new streetcar stations; 4) expansion of the Seattle Streetcar fleet; and 5) expansion of the existing streetcar operation and maintenance facilities to accommodate the larger vehicle fleet.

**Project Proponent and Lead Agency:** City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)  
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**Location of current proposal** The Center City Connector will run along Stewart Street and First Avenue, between the Westlake Intermodal Hub and Jackson Street in the Pioneer Square neighborhood, in downtown Seattle.

**Title of document being adopted:** Seattle Center City Connector Environmental Assessment (EA)

**Date adopted document was prepared:** March 2016

**Description of document (or portion) being adopted:** The Environmental Assessment completed to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is being adopted in its entirety.

**If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:** NA

**The document is available to be read during normal business hours** at the City of Seattle Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Seattle; the City of Seattle International District/Chinatown Branch Library, 713 Eighth Ave S, Seattle, and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Public Resource Center, 700 Fifth Ave, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Seattle. Electronic copies are available on the project website at: <http://www.seattlestreetcar.org/centercity.htm>.

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 the completed EA and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on the proposal for 30 days from the date of issuance (Monday, May 9, 2016). **Comments must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.**

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

**Name of agency adopting document:** City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Scott Kubly, Director

Signature

Date

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS Adoption by submitting a Notice of Appeal and a \$85.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located at 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 4000, Seattle; mailing address: P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729; telephone: (206) 684-0521 by **5 pm on Wednesday, June 15, 2016**. The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.