

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
Environmental Assessment  
Determination of Non-significance and Adoption of Existing Environmental Document  
for the  
Center City Connector Streetcar Project**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) announce the availability of the Center City Connector Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment. The EA examines potential effects of the project on the natural and built environments. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4231 et seq.) and is being adopted to support a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) to satisfy the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) ((Ch. 43.21 RCW, SMC 25.05.610(B)). FTA is the lead federal agency for NEPA and SDOT is the lead agency for SEPA.

**Project Description:** 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 at Westlake Avenue to First Avenue near Pike Place Market, south along First Avenue to Jackson Street, and then connecting with the First Hill Streetcar Station at Jackson Street and Occidental Street in Pioneer Square; 2) a new turn-around track in the South Lake Union neighborhood (Republican Street between Westlake Avenue and Terry Avenue); 3) four new streetcar stations; 4) and expansion of the Seattle Streetcar fleet. The project will also expand one or both of the existing streetcar operation and maintenance facilities to accommodate the larger vehicle fleet.

**Where to get the EA:** You can read the EA online at: <http://www.seattlestreetcar.org/centercity.htm> or you can review a hard copy of the EA at the City of Seattle Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Seattle; the City of Seattle International District/Chinatown Branch Library 713 Eight Ave S, Seattle WA 98104 and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Public Resource Center, 700 Fifth Ave, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor. You may request a free CD or a hard copy for \$25 or alternate format from Art Brochet, Public Information Coordinator at [centercitystreetcar@seattle.gov](mailto:centercitystreetcar@seattle.gov).

**Public Review Period:** A public review period of 30 days will commence on **Monday May 9, 2016**. NEPA and SEPA public review will run concurrently. Written comments on the EA must be postmarked or emailed by **5:00 pm on Wednesday June 8, 2016**.

| Under NEPA  | Under SEPA   |
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| If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FTA is expected to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). If it does so, SDOT will post the FONSI on the project website. | Any interested person may appeal this DNS 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 <b>5:00 pm on Wednesday June 15, 2016</b> . The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures. |

**How to Comment on the EA/DNS:** Interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public can submit written or emailed copies during the public review period to the attention of:

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**Attend a Public Open House:** On May 25, 2016, from 8am to 12pm (noon) at Seattle City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room 600 Fourth Ave, Seattle. Please check the project website at <http://www.seattlestreetcar.org/centercity.htm> for other opportunities in your neighborhood.