



NOTICE OF PROPOSED JOINT DIRECTOR'S RULE "SDCI 2-2024/SDOT 02-2024" AND SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The Directors of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) propose the following Director's Rule:

Joint SDCI 2-2024/SDOT 02-2024 City of Seattle Light Rail Design Guidelines

The Director's Rule (DR) proposes these guidelines to inform reviews and decision-making about proposed designs for light rail facilities citywide. DRs are authorized in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Ch. 3.06.040 and 3.12.020. This DR provides guidelines for the design of future light rail transit facilities, with stated goals of planning light rail transit facilities that are equitable spaces, have a positive user experience, are places of civic and community pride, are sustainable and resilient facilities, and are balanced across the needs of different transportation modes. In general, the DR provides guidance around integrating light rail transit facilities into communities' current context and future goals, creating accessible spaces that can adapt to anticipated future ridership volumes, incorporating green building principles to limit environmental impacts, supporting economic and public activation opportunities within and around the transit facility, and facilitating ease of transfer between light rail and other modes of transportation.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL

The Director's Rule on Light Rail Design Guidelines applies to all locations within Seattle city limits.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) have determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse environmental impact, and have issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). The environmental checklist and Director's Rule are available at the Seattle Public Library Central Branch at 1000 Fourth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. The Director's Rule is available online at <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/document-library/directors-rules-and-ordinances>. The documents are also available on request.

HOW TO COMMENT:

Written comments on the proposed Joint Director's Rule, or regarding this DNS or potential environmental impacts may be submitted through 5pm on May 27, 2024 (14 days after publication). Comments may be sent to:


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Issue Date: May 13, 2024

SEPA Responsible Official: Jill Macik, SDOT


Jill Macik (May 8, 2024 11:37 PDT)

Signature

05/08/2024

Date

HOW TO APPEAL

Appeals of the decision to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) must be submitted to the Office of the Hearing Examiner by 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2024 (21 days after publication). Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee in a check payable to the City of Seattle. The appeal must be sent to:

**City of Seattle
Hearing Examiner
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000
PO Box 94729
Seattle WA 98124-4729**

Appellants should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 for SEPA appeal procedures.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the DNS and the proposal may be obtained online at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/document-library/directors-rules-and-ordinances>, or the Land Use Information Bulletin notice at: https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/Cap/CapHome.aspx?module=DPDPublicNotice&TabName=DPDPublicNotice#SearchForm_Start

Questions about the proposed Joint Director's Rule and about the environmental determination can be directed to Gordon Clowers, SDCI Senior Planner, at gordon.clowers@seattle.gov and Ian Macek, SDOT Principal Urban Designer at Ian.Macek@seattle.gov.