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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS  
FOR LIGHT RAIL ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES LEGISLATION, AND  
SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) is proposing a non-project action that would amend the Land Use Code for light rail transit facilities and other relevant codes.

The legislation includes the following types of code amendments.

1. Create new development standards for light rail transit facilities and amend the definition of light rail transit facilities to better align with state law.
2. Establish an advisory review process by the Seattle Design Commission (SDC) to evaluate light rail transit facility design proposals.
3. Permit Light rail transit facility development as a “Type I” Master Use Permit and update when permits may be submitted for review, vesting date, and expiration date for Master Use Permits.
4. Clarify and streamline the content of reviews for light rail transit facility projects to receive an Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) light rail exception permit.
5. Define a “tree and vegetation management plan” requirement for project segments of the light rail system development. This requires a project-wide tree and vegetation management plan that will account for tree management before, during, and after construction.
6. Clarify a one-year review step for a construction noise variance for light rail transit facilities construction. This would maintain a single appeal opportunity for the initial decision on the construction noise variance.
7. Amend existing minimum bicycle parking requirements and add new shared micromobility device minimum parking requirements. This defines both opening day and future parking requirements, according to different types of stations: terminus, local, mid-center, and center types. A new provision would require a variety of parking spaces to account for various types of bicycles.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

SDCI has determined that the proposed code amendments will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and has issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (no Environmental Impact Statement required).

**HOW TO COMMENT**

Comments regarding this DNS or potential environmental impacts may be submitted through February 13, 2025. Comments may be emailed to:

**City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections  
Attn: Gordon Clowers  
gordon.clowers@Seattle.gov**

## **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. February 20, 2025.

Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by a \$120.00 filing fee in a check payable to the City of Seattle. The appeal must be sent to:

**City of Seattle  
Hearing Examiner  
PO Box 94729  
Seattle WA 98124-4729**

## **INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

Copies of the DNS and the proposal are available at the City's Land Use Information Bulletin accessible at: [Public Notices - Seattle Services Portal | Seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/public-notices). Click on Public Notices and enter the January 30, 2025 publishing date of this public notice.

These materials may also be found through a link for this proposal on the SDCI Changes to Code webpage at: [Changes to Code – SDCI | seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/sdci).

If you are unable to access the materials through the websites or have questions regarding the proposal, please contact Gordon Clowers at [gordon.clowers@seattle.gov](mailto:gordon.clowers@seattle.gov).