



King County Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)

Description of Proposal:

This proposal is an intergovernmental transfer of real property rights to facilitate operation and maintenance of transit activities in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT). The transfer of rights will be from King County Metro Transit Department (Metro) to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit). Agencies with jurisdiction are Metro, Sound Transit, and the City of Seattle. (See more details on the reverse of this page.)

Location of Proposal:

The DSTT includes the two transit tunnels and four light rail stations between Westlake and International District/Chinatown stations. The DSTT occupies rights-of-way and portions of adjacent properties (see vicinity map on reverse).

Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Metro Transit Department

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 on request.

_____ There is no comment period for this DNS.

_____ This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

X 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. **Comments must be submitted by September 19, 2022.**

Date of DNS Issuance: September 5, 2022

Responsible Official: DeAnna Martin (on behalf of Terry White)

Position/Title: Designated General Manager

Address and Phone: King Street Center
201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104
206-477-6065

SIGNATURE:  **DATE:** 8/30/2022

For more information:
Email comments on the project to transitproperty@kingcounty.gov with "DSTT Transfer" in the subject line. To request a copy of the checklist, leave a message with contact details at 206-477-7915. Send comments on paper to Gillian Zacharias, Senior Environmental Planner, Metro Transit Department, 201 South Jackson Street, MS KSC-TR-0431, Seattle, Washington 98104.

BACKGROUND REGARDING DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE FOR
Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel Transfer of Real Property Rights
Public Comment Period: September 5 to 19, 2022

Details of Proposal

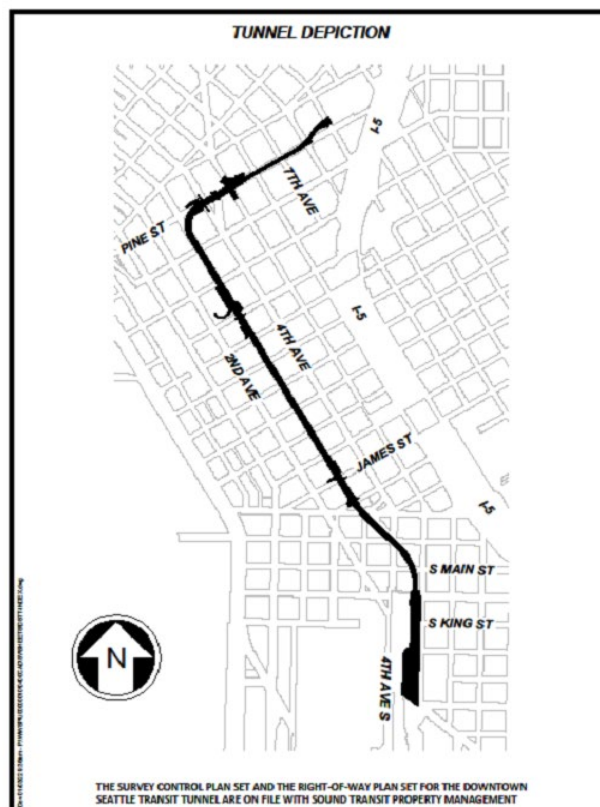
The King County Metro Transit Department (Metro) proposes to transfer real property interests in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) as part of an intergovernmental transfer agreement without financial compensation.

The transfer of rights includes a portion of the DSTT and four light rail stations: Westlake, University Street, Pioneer Square, and International District/Chinatown. The DSTT occupies rights-of-way and portions of adjacent properties. The proposal would not change existing Link light rail operations or levels of service in the DSTT. The facilities and property rights that are the subject of the agreement are necessary for the ongoing operation of the Link light rail system, which has been the sole transit service provided in the DSTT since March 2019.

Environmental Review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Metro is lead agency for the proposal's review under SEPA. Agencies with jurisdiction over this proposal are Metro, Sound Transit, and the City of Seattle. Metro evaluated the potential for environmental impacts in a SEPA checklist. Metro's SEPA responsible official issued a determination of nonsignificance (DNS), published on September 5, 2022 and found on the reverse of this page. The comment period is 14 days, consistent with WAC 197-11-340(2)(a)(i).

The deadline for submitting comments is September 19, 2022. The public and agencies are invited to submit comments to the contact addresses below. The checklist is available for viewing at the Seattle Public Library, Downtown Branch. To request a copy send an email to the checklist preparer, Gillian Zacharias, at "gillian.zacharias@kingcounty.gov" or leave a voice mail with contact information at 206-477-7915. For information on the proposed transfer of rights contact Kim Becklund at Kim.Becklund@kingcounty.gov.



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