

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal:

Community Transit proposes to operate *Swift* Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service along a 16.7-mile route between Everett Station and the Aurora Village Transit Center along Pacific Avenue, Rucker Avenue, Evergreen Way, and State Route SR-99. The project proposes 14 paired (southbound/northbound) *Swift* BRT stations and one single full-service *Swift* BRT station (29 total) located about one mile apart at key transit service intersections along the route.

Proponent: Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation
(Community Transit)

Location of the Proposal: The *Swift* BRT system will traverse the cities of Everett, Lynnwood, Edmonds, Shoreline, and unincorporated Snohomish County. The service route will operate from the Everett Station northern terminus (3201 Smith Avenue) in the City of Everett, travel west/east along Pacific Avenue to Rucker Avenue, and then travel south/north along Rucker Avenue/Evergreen Way/Pacific Highway/SR-99 with the southern terminus at the Aurora Village Transit Center (1524 N 200th Street) in the City of Shoreline, King County.

Lead Agency: Community Transit

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and Community Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution 3-05). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days from the date of issue. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., June 16, 2008. Comments should be submitted to the responsible official at the address given below. The responsible official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline.

The lead agency for this proposal issued a Determination of Significance (DS) and requested comments on the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) on July 19, 2007. Since that time, the proposal has changed such that the lead agency has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Changes in the project include development of a partnership agreement with Everett Transit in December 2007; and refinement of the design and engineering of the *Swift* BRT service route and station locations such that significant adverse impacts on the environment will be avoided. Consistent with WAC 197-11-360(4), the lead agency has withdrawn the DS and determined that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with Community Transit. This information is available to the public upon request and on Community Transit's website: <http://www.commtrans.org>.

Notice of the DS withdrawal and Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) will be sent to all parties that received the original DS and all parties that provided comments during the scoping period.

Responsible Official: Joy Munkers
Position/Title: Director of Planning and Development, Community Transit
Telephone: (425) 348-7100
Address: Community Transit
7100 Hardeson Road, Everett, WA 98203

You may appeal this determination to Joy Munkers, Director of Planning and Development, Community Transit, 7100 Hardeson Road, Everett, WA 98203 no later than 21 calendar days from the date of issuance of this DNS by submitting a written statement requesting an appeal, setting forth the information required by Community Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution 3-05), and paying the required fee. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

Auxiliary aids and services and communication materials in accessible format can be arranged with sufficient notice by calling (425) 348-7100.

Date of Issue: June 2, 2008

Signature:

