



PUBLIC NOTICE
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE,
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

PROJECT: Annapolis Ferry Dock Upgrade Project

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT PROPOSAL: The Annapolis Ferry terminal is 34 years old with a useful life of 40 years. The Ferry terminal currently consists of an 8-foot by 500-foot long fixed concrete pier with concrete decking, a 4-foot by 50-foot metal ramp, and a 20-foot wide by 40-foot long float with a solid concrete decking. The pier is supported by 20 concrete piles and the float is secured in place with six steel piles. The concrete pier is in above-average condition, but the float and ramp do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The proposed improvements include removing a portion of the existing pier, installing a longer pier and ramp, removing the existing float and constructing a larger float in deeper water.

The proposed public ferry terminal pier, ramp, float (PRF) consists of a fully grated 30-foot by 8-foot pier and 23-foot by 20-foot landing, a fully grated 120-foot by 5-foot ramp, a 50 percent grated 120-foot by 25-foot float, two pile frames and four pile hoops, and four 12-inch and eight 24-inch steel piles. The proposed new PRF equates to approximately 4,470 square feet of structures and 28 square feet of piles. This proposal includes grated pier decking located between -3 feet and -11 feet MLLW, and a ramp, a concrete float located between -11 feet -27 feet MLLW.

Other improvements include pedestrian protection from the weather, new railing, lighting, potable water and fendering. The proposed work will improve the ferry operation, environmental conditions, over all experience for all passengers and provide equal access for elderly and disabled passengers. Impact minimization measures are included in the project design to avoid or minimize the adverse effects of the project on marine fish and wildlife species and their habitats. Mitigation is also proposed to offset unavoidable impacts.

PROPONENT: Kitsap County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (Kitsap Transit)

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located in Sinclair Inlet, within the limits of the City of Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Washington. (Section 24 and 25 of Township 24N Range 1E, 6th Field hydrologic unit code (HUC) 171100190704, Latitude: 47.549179, Long: -122.616308)

LEAD AGENCY: Kitsap Transit

TITLE OF DOCUMENTS BEING ADOPTED: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion Confirmation – Annapolis Ferry Dock Upgrade Project, dated October 22, 2018.

DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTS BEING ADOPTED: FTA provided confirmation that the Annapolis Ferry Dock Upgrade Project (Project), a proposal to upgrade the Annapolis Ferry Dock located in Sinclair Inlet along Beach Drive in Port Orchard, Washington, qualifies as a Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 771.118(d).

This confirmation was conditioned on the satisfactory completion of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) processes, and on the satisfactory resolution of any treaty-related concerns of the Suquamish Tribe.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) for the Project, pursuant to Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA. On October 4, 2018, NMFS issued a Biological Opinion (BO) for the Project October 4, 2018, pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA. These two actions by NMFS complete the ESA and MMPA processes for the Project. With the issuance of the BO by NMFS, the above-mentioned conditions from FTA's April 7, 2017 DCE Confirmation letter have been satisfactorily met. Other conditions and required mitigation measures outlined in FTA's April 7, 2017 DCE Confirmation letter remain in effect. This DCE Confirmation is further conditioned on implementation of the following:

1. The Impact Minimization Measures and Mitigation Actions outlined in the March 15, 2017 Annapolis Ferry Dock Upgrade Project Mitigation Summary document;
2. The Terms and Conditions outlined in the July 3, 2018 NMFS IHA; and,
3. The Reasonable and Prudent Measures, Terms and Conditions, Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Recommendations and other requirements outlined in the October 4, 2018 NMFS BO.

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS): Kitsap Transit, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that the proposal 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 the completed NEPA DCE confirmation and other information on file with Kitsap Transit. This information is available to the public upon 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.

☒ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 and Kitsap Transit's SEPA rules (Resolution 16-70). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. *Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. December 5, 2018.*

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: John W. Clauson

POSITION/TITLE: Kitsap Transit Executive Director

ADDRESS: 60 Washington Ave, Suite 200, Bremerton, WA 98337

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DATE: November 21, 2018

SIGNATURE:



APPEALS: You may appeal this determination to the responsible official at the address above no later than 5 p.m. on December 5, 2018. Further details about the appeals process are described in the Kitsap Transit State Environmental Act Procedures and Policies at: <http://www.kitsaptransit.com/agency-information/planning>