



REVISED SCOPING NOTICE

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Purpose

On July 7, 2020 the City of Sammamish issued a SEPA Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice and request for comments pursuant to WAC 197-11-408. This is an optional revised scoping notice pursuant to WAC 197-11-408(4) provided for informational purposes because additional alternatives are being considered which expand the scope of the EIS.

There is no additional comment period associated with this optional notification. However, the City of Sammamish values public participation and provides below information regarding how to get involved in this process.

Description of proposal

The proposal is a set of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code intended to address transportation level of service standards and capital facilities needs and associated environmental impacts. Proposed amendments include (1) Comprehensive Plan amendments intended to adjust the City's transportation Level of Service Standards (LOS) and related concurrency program, and (2) related Municipal Code amendments that implement amended Comprehensive Plan policy guidance.

Comprehensive Plan amendments are anticipated to focus on the Transportation and Capital Facilities elements but may include additional elements as needed to achieve internal plan consistency. Comprehensive Plan amendments will include updated policy guidance for LOS standards and updated background information to reflect the City's current transportation network, including maps and tables, concurrency program description, 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program, recommended 20-year transportation improvements, financing program, and other related information.

Municipal Code amendments are anticipated to be focused on Titles 14A and 21A SMC. Municipal Code amendments will amend LOS standards to reflect amended Comprehensive Plan guidance, delete outdated tables, correct definitions and Comprehensive Plan references, and may include other related actions.

SEPA Threshold Determination

On July 7, 2020 a Determination of Significance (DS) and request for comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued. No change to the DS is proposed, however additional alternatives are being considered in the EIS, as described below.

Location

The focus for the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code amendments is the entire City of Sammamish within municipal boundaries.

Proponent

City of Sammamish

EIS Scope

The City of Sammamish has determined that this proposal may have a probable significant adverse environmental impact. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared.

Based on the prior scoping process conducted for this proposal, the lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: earth (steep slopes, landslide hazards), water resources (water quantity and quality, stormwater), plants and animals (tree canopy, fish), land use, plans and policies, population and housing, transportation, including impacts on transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and evacuation routes, and consideration of utilities (broadband access) to the scope of analysis.

Alternatives considered in the EIS are anticipated to include the following:

	Alternative	Potential Key Features
1	No Action	No changes to existing policies and regulations
2	Transportation Level of Service (LOS) Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New LOS standards for intersections and key corridors and roadway segments • No changes land use assumptions • Changes to transportation infrastructure to meet new LOS standards.
3	Transportation LOS Standards with transportation-efficient land use patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New LOS standards for intersections and key corridors and roadway segments • Transportation-efficient land use patterns consistent with the existing Comprehensive Plan • Changes to transportation infrastructure to meet new LOS standards
4	Transportation LOS Standards with transportation-efficient land use patterns and transportation network improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New LOS standards for intersections and key corridors and roadway segments • Transportation-efficient land use patterns consistent with the existing Comprehensive Plan

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation infrastructure and management changes including network improvements for greater efficiency and to meet new LOS standards.
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Scoping

Scoping is the process of identifying the elements of the environment to be evaluated in an EIS. Scoping is intended to help identify and narrow the issues to those that are significant. The scoping process includes a public comment period so that the public and agencies can comment on key issues and concerns. Following the comment period, the City considers all comments received and determines the scope of review for the environmental analysis (WAC 197-11-408(4)).

Comment Period

There is no comment period associated with this optional revised scoping notice, pursuant to WAC 197-11-408(4). The City of Sammamish previously issued a DS / Scoping Notice on July 7, 2020 and conducted a 24-day comment period. Following the comment period, the City prepared a scoping report that acknowledged comments received and identified potential changes to the scope of the EIS. These changes are included in the description of the areas for discussion in the EIS, above.

Public Participation

The community is encouraged to continue to participate in the EIS process. The issuance of the Draft EIS (DEIS), anticipated in May 2021 will commence a 30-day public comment period, which is the next opportunity for public input. Please refer to the tentative project timeline available on the project webpage located here: <https://connect.sammamish.us/eis>. Comments received during this comment period will be addressed in the Final EIS (FEIS). Additionally, prior to any legislative action by the City Council, a public hearing will be held.