

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT COMPLIANCE NARRATIVE

In 2010 King County, together with the Washington State Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Also in 2010, a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued that included, among other topics, a summary of measures to minimize harm. While some of the applicable federal, state and local regulations have changed since the issuance of the FEIS and ROD, the regulatory updates further the objective of minimizing the potential impacts identified in the ROD. King County is applying the most current regulatory requirements to ensure project impacts are avoided, minimized and mitigated. The ROD measures are presented below, along with an affirmation regarding the County’s continued implementation of those measures.

Measure	Current Status
Surface Runoff and Erosion	
Develop and implement a temporary sediment and erosion control plan, a spill containment and countermeasures plan, and a stormwater pollution prevention plan for the project. These plans would outline the best management practices (BMPs) that would be used during construction.	Consistent
Conduct construction activities in accordance with requirements outlined in the NPDES permit issued for the project.	Consistent
Time construction activities and ditch maintenance to occur during drier periods, when possible.	Consistent
Cover or mulch exposed soils, slopes, and graded areas as appropriate.	Consistent
Use silt fences, temporary sedimentation ponds, or other suitable sedimentation control devices.	Consistent
Route surface water through temporary drainage channels away from disturbed soils or exposed slopes.	Consistent
Use clean soils containing little or no silt and clay as fill to reduce the potential for erosion.	Consistent
Use a truck tire wash to reduce the potential for turbid runoff from roads.	Consistently meeting the intent with equivalent best management practices
Perform hydraulic modeling during the detailed design phase of the project (subsequent to the Master Plan Trail Final EIS) to determine the adequacy of the existing drainage system along the Interim Use Trail, East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, and East Lake Sammamish Place SE (i.e., ditches and culverts). Improvements would be incorporated during the final design phase where appropriate.	Modeling has been completed consistent with the current regulatory requirements for the project in support of project design.
Provide permanent stormwater management facilities as required by permitting agencies.	Consistent
Perform water quality monitoring during construction in accordance with Ecology’s standards.	Consistent

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Geologic Issues	
Design and construct retaining walls to mitigate seismically induced slope failure.	Consistent
Mitigate potential slope instability through geotechnical investigation, engineering design, and construction techniques.	Consistent
Maintain and clean culverts as needed to address debris flows	Consistent
Reuse excavated soil along the corridor as appropriate. Dispose of spoils appropriately	Consistent
Perform vibration monitoring of sections of retaining wall requiring pile driving where appropriate.	Consistent
To minimize impacts to adjacent roadways during construction, limit the length and duration of excavation or use engineered shoring.	Consistent
Locate utilities prior to construction of retaining walls.	Consistent
Fisheries	
As required by permitting agencies and where practical, provide fully fish-passable structures at locations where culverts are extended or replaced in fish-bearing streams.	Consistent
Stabilize trail shoulders in areas adjacent to streams prior to trail surfacing to prevent erosion and sloughing.	Consistent
Avoid allowing silt, asphalt, or concrete to enter stream channels during construction.	Consistent
Perform construction activities in or near fish-bearing streams during work windows established in consultation with the regulatory agencies.	Consistent
Design stream diversions to minimize sedimentation and ensure the removal of fish.	Consistent
Screen inwater work areas.	
Perform instream work over the shortest period possible.	Consistent
Perform routine instream culvert maintenance between June 15 and September 15, unless otherwise authorized by WDFW and the local jurisdiction, to avoid sediment impacts to streams during critical salmonid spawning and incubation periods.	Consistently performing in-water work in accordance with seasonal restrictions identified by WDFW.
Mitigate for riparian buffer impacts as required by local jurisdictions.	Consistent
Wetlands and Vegetation	
Continue to avoid and minimize wetland and vegetation impacts by reducing trails widths and turning radii for transitions, and shifting alignments to avoid wetlands and buffers.	Consistent
Use highly visible temporary construction fencing to delineate wetlands and buffers.	Consistent

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Preserve and protect native plant species when installing fencing, signage, and other features.	Consistent
Update and comply with the project's Vegetation Management Plan regarding management and replacement of vegetation during operation of the trail.	Consistent
Compensate for wetland fill impacts as required by the regulatory agencies.	Consistent
Wildlife	
Avoid loud construction noises within 0.25 mile of the Marymoor Park bald eagle nest site during the eagle nesting season (January 1 through August 15).	Not applicable to South Sammamish Segment B or the Inglewood Hill Road Parking Lot.
Avoid loud construction noises within 0.25 mile of the osprey nest site located within a half-mile of the trail alignment during the nesting season (March 15 to August 31), as recommended by WDFW. Avoid other construction activities during the nesting season within 300 feet of the osprey nest site.	Not applicable to South Sammamish Segment B or the Inglewood Hill Road Parking Lot.
Include wildlife-related construction timing restrictions in contract specifications.	Consistent
Trail Safety, Fencing and Signage	
Install fencing and signs adjacent to sensitive areas (wetlands and streams).	Consistent
Fence or screen stream crossings to protect fish from human disturbance and to maintain riparian vegetation. Prohibit entry of trail users to streambanks and stream channels. Leashes would be required to prevent dogs from entering streams and harassing fish. Appropriate signs would be placed at stream crossings to explain the reasons for restrictions.	Consistent
Install signage indicating limits of the trail right of way, trail etiquette, warnings to trail users to be aware of residents and pets crossing the corridor, and yield protocols.	Consistent
Provide signage at critical intersections, including Waverly Shores Private Boat Launch at 33rd Street, warning trail users that they are approaching a congested intersection.	Consistent
Design the trail to meet applicable accessibility guidelines, including grade requirements and current design standards for curves and sight distance, based on a design speed for the fastest users, cyclists.	Consistent
Install a 5-foot chain-link or split-rail fence in areas where the trail poses potential safety hazards such as falling off a retaining wall or down a slope.	Consistently providing edge protection in compliance with applicable guidelines and standards
Along areas of the trail adjacent to roads, residential driveways, or parking areas, install a guardrail or approved equivalent to separate the trail from areas used by vehicles (except on a case-by-case basis where line of sight distance would be impaired).	
Trim and remove vegetation and/or revegetate with suitable plants adjacent to the trail where necessary in order to maintain sight	Consistent

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distances on the approaches to an intersection and to maintain vertical and horizontal clearances from the trail for the safety of trail users.	
Limit trail use to daylight hours for safety.	Consistent
King County regulates trails as linear parks. Trails are subject to usage restrictions per King County Rule for Use of Facilities (King County Code Section 7.12.480) and local leash laws (Issaquah Municipal Code 6.08.020, Sammamish Municipal Code 11.05.010, Redmond Municipal Code 7.04.200).	Consistent
Provide maps of all trail access points and master keys to locked bollards to all emergency service agencies serving the corridor.	Consistently provided information regarding emergency access to responders
Install sidewalks and crosswalks at congested public access locations to provide for public safety.	Consistent
Limit speed for bicyclists per King County's Trail Use Ordinance 8518, which establishes a speed limit of 15 mph for all trails.	Consistent
Notify adjacent property owners of the construction schedule.	Consistent
Traffic and Parking	
Implement standard construction measures such as installation of advanced warning signs, highly visible construction barriers, and the use of flaggers.	Consistent
Provide alternate access and/or parking in individual cases where driveway access cannot be maintained during construction.	Consistent
Signs would be appropriately placed to prevent trail users from parking in private or restricted parking lots located near the trail access points.	Has not been applicable to previously constructed segments. Will be reviewed and applied if appropriate to South Sammamish Segment B or the Inglewood Hill Road Parking Lot.
Bollards, striping, and warning bands would be installed at trail/roadway crossings for all	Consistent
Build Alternatives. A different trail surfacing material (i.e., a textured material to alert bicyclists) would be applied to intersections with driveways. Informational and regulatory signs would also be installed at all such crossings for trail users and roadbased vehicles.	
Guardrails would be used to delineate the trail edge where the trail surface is contiguous with driveways.	Consistent
Views	
Use funds from the 1 percent art tax to develop and construct art or interpretive elements at sensitive locations such as gates, transition nodes or entrances, and at special environmental or natural features.	Consistent
Neighborhood Concerns	
Notify businesses and residents of the construction schedule.	Consistent
Maintain access to residential areas and commercial businesses in the vicinity of the corridor during construction.	Consistent

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In cases where existing trails leading from East Lake Sammamish Parkway to private beaches, private beach clubs, or community beaches cross over the former railbed, work with beach clubs and community groups during detailed design to assess the requirements for access across the trail.	Consistent
Coordinate closely with utility providers and property owners to identify and physically locate utilities prior to the initiation of any construction activity. Notify property owners in advance of breaks in service to affected utilities.	Consistent
Comply with local regulations regarding construction noise.	Consistent
Require construction contractors to take measures to reduce construction noise (e.g., turning off idling equipment, using proper mufflers on equipment, locating equipment and staging areas far from residences, using portable noise barriers).	Consistent
Provide litter receptacles, doggy litter bag boxes, and trail etiquette signs at public access points.	Consistent
Cultural Resources	
Monitoring for the presence of cultural resources will be conducted, as appropriate, during some aspects of construction.	Consistent
Construction contracts would require cultural resources training for all construction crews, field supervisors, and inspectors prior to beginning construction.	Consistent
Contracts for construction would include clauses addressing cultural resource discovery to encourage reports of discoveries without penalty.	Consistent
If cultural resources are identified during construction activities for any of the alternatives, work will halt in the immediate area and the appropriate city or county department, King County Historic Preservation Program, and the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will be contacted.	Consistent

