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PROGRAMMATIC DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: Kitsap County Road Standards Updates. The Kitsap County Road Standards establish minimum standards for the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and restoration of transportation infrastructure within Kitsap County. The Standards apply to future construction of new roads and improvements or replacements to existing roads within Kitsap County, including transportation infrastructure within County right-of-way and new developments connecting to the Kitsap County road system.

Kitsap County is updating the Road Standards for consistency with current construction techniques, operations and maintenance processes, survey practices, roadside restoration practices, and administrative procedures. The updated Standards have been made consistent with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Standard Specifications, Kitsap County Department of Community Development processes, the Kitsap County Storm Water Design Manual, and applicable Kitsap County Fire Code and other County and state requirements.

The Road Standards establish minimum design requirements intended to provide for the safety, welfare, and convenience of the traveling public. They address roadway design and construction, transportation infrastructure, stormwater management, utilities within County right-of-way, maintenance, and related roadway practices. The Standards are intended to provide consistent requirements for future transportation projects and to support safe and efficient County infrastructure.

The Road Standards update is a non-project proposal and does not authorize or propose development of a specific site. Any future road construction, improvements, replacements, or development activities implemented consistent with the updated Standards will be reviewed separately for compliance with applicable environmental requirements, including SEPA where required. Future projects will also be required to comply with applicable County, state, and federal regulations, including requirements relating to stormwater, critical areas, wetlands, floodplains, fish and wildlife habitat, historic and cultural resources, geologically hazardous areas, and other environmental resources.

The updated Road Standards are not anticipated to result in significant environmental impacts. Because the proposal is non-project in nature, impacts related to the State Environmental Protection Act will be evaluated as appropriate when individual future projects are proposed. Future projects will incorporate applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs) and other measures necessary to avoid, minimize, or control environmental impacts.

The Road Standards update is intended to improve consistency between County roadway requirements and current construction and maintenance practices while ensuring that future transportation projects are designed and constructed in accordance with applicable County, state, and federal requirements.

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Lead Agency: Kitsap County

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The Road Standards apply throughout the Kitsap County Road Service Area and establish requirements for transportation infrastructure within Kitsap County. The proposal does not apply to a specific development site.

The lead agency 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). The Road Standards update is a non-project proposal and does not propose development of a specific site. 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.

This DNS is issued under 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 October 21, 2026.

COMMENTS:

This is a non-project action under WAC 197-11-704(2)(b). The Kitsap County Road Standards update is expected to complete the public approval process by early fall 2026, following Planning Commission review and recommendations and final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

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