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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Date of Issuance: February 10, 2016

Lead agency: Department of Ecology, Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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Description of proposal: Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to Chapter 197-11 WAC, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules.

The proposed rule changes include:

- Creating a new categorical exemption for the replacement of a City, Town or County owned structurally deficient bridge.
- Minor updates and clarifications on other transportation related categorical exemptions.
- Updates, clarifications and technical corrections to improve readability.

Proponent and SEPA Lead Agency: *Washington State Department of Ecology*

Location of proposal: Statewide

Ecology has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The creation of a new categorical exemption as directed by Chapter 144, Laws of the 2015 Regular sessions (SHB 1851). The proposed language is only for replacement of a locally owned structurally deficient bridge and limits the exemption to within the existing right of way and does not result in the addition of automobile lanes or a change in capacity.
2. The proposed minor updates on other transportation related exemptions are clarifications providing examples of minor street improvement projects.
3. The technical corrections consist of updates and clarifications and are not substantive changes.

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An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist in conjunction with all of the materials and discussions related to the SEPA Rulemaking Advisory Committee. This information can be found at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/rules/1509time.html>

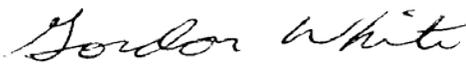
This DNS is issued with a comment period that runs concurrently with the comment period on the underlying proposal to amend the SEPA Rules (CR 102). Comments will be taken on this DNS, and on the underlying rule adoption proposal until April 1, 2016

Please submit comments to: separulemaking@ecy.wa.gov

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