

# Attachment B:

## Ecology Required Changes

The following changes are required to comply with the SMA (RCW 90.58) and the SMP Guidelines (WAC 173-26, Part III):

ITEM	PROVISION	TOPIC	BILL FORMAT CHANGES ( <u>underline</u> = additions; <del>strikethrough</del> = deletions)	RATIONALE
1	Traffic & Parking Standards  Section 7.2.12.B	Non-Motorized Facilities	1) New or expanded non-motorized transportation facilities shall be located outside of critical areas and their associated buffers. With demonstration that the trail cannot be located outside of the buffer, the trail can be located in the outer 25 percent of the critical area buffer. The following trail types are exceptions and may locate closer to the OHWM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Soft surface trails (mulch, or dirt), not wider than three (3) feet constructed for public water access to shoreline areas.</u></li> <li><del>b) Soft surface trails (mulch, or dirt), not wider than three (3) feet.</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) This exception does not apply to Critical Area buffers for Category I, II, or III Wetlands.</li> <li>ii) Trail construction and maintenance shall minimize removal of vegetation (trees, shrubs, etc.) avoid important wildlife habitat, and shall not result in a net loss of ecological functions.</li> <li>iii) This exception does not apply to trail parking, shelters, bathrooms, and any similar related structures.</li> <li>iv) All provisions of Appendix B, Critical Area Regulations must be met.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Shoreline access trails are justified through SMA preferences related to providing public access (RCW 90.58.020). However, non-shoreline access trails would not be provided the same preference and would not be justified within buffer areas. Therefore, the identified change would allow for trails (when they cannot be located outside buffer) as long as the trails are intended to provide visual or physical access to shoreline areas.