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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)

BOW LAKE TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION UPGRADE

Description of Proposal: The King County Solid Waste Division is proposing to replace and expand the existing Bow Lake Transfer/Recycling Station. The proposed project involves an 8.9-acre expansion to the north of the existing station on adjacent property currently owned by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The County is currently negotiating with WSDOT regarding purchase of this parcel. The proposed project will involve demolition of existing structures and site work. New structures will include a Transfer Building, two Scale Facilities, a Maintenance Building, Transfer Trailer Yard, recycling and yard waste facilities, internal roadways and parking areas, and associated utilities. Construction is expected to take 30 to 36 months.

This project is detailed in the *Draft 2006 Facility Master Plan Update, Bow Lake Transfer/Recycling Station Update,* dated July 2006. The Master Plan was prepared to provide a blueprint for replacing the existing Bow Lake Transfer/Recycling Station. This replacement is necessary because of the station's important role within the County's solid waste management system, including improved operational efficiency, compliance with current building and environmental standards, enhanced customer service, customer and employee safety improvements, and preparation for eventual out-of-county waste export.

Proponent and Lead Agency: King County
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Location of Proposal: The location of the project is the existing Bow Lake Transfer/Recycling Station in south Tukwila near the intersection of Orillia Road South and South 188th Street, just east of Interstate 5 (I-5). The project will also involve a parcel of land directly north of the Bow Lake Transfer/Recycling Station, currently owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a significant adverse impact on the environment as long as the following mitigation measures are incorporated into the project:

- Replanting of disturbed perimeter areas with native trees and shrubs
- Compensatory mitigation for loss of stream buffer areas
- Sustainable building design for Transfer Building and other structures
- Selection of materials and colors compatible with surrounding areas
- Use of closed, end-loaded trailers for transfer of solid waste
- Use of dust and odor suppression systems in Transfer Building
- Provision for onsite queuing space for customer traffic
- Compaction of solid waste and yard waste to reduce the number of trailers leaving the site
- Use of shielded site lighting fixtures to avoid fugitive light and glare at off site locations
- Site grading to create shielding of operational areas from public viewing and for noise reduction

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under Chapter 20.44 County Environmental Procedures and RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The decision was made after a review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request (for a nominal photocopying fee).

This Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) is issued in accordance with Chapter 20.44 KCC and WAC 197-11-350; the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after September 21, 2006. Comments on the MDNS, in written form only, must be submitted by that date.

An Open House will be held on September 14, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Meeting Room B, Tukwila, WA 98168, to inform the public of the project details and the environmental assessment work completed as part of the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) review process, and to obtain input on community concerns.

Responsible SEPA Official: Theresa Jennings

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Date: August 25, 2006 **Signature:** Theresa Jennings

Anyone wishing to appeal this MDNS must file a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee with the SEPA Responsible Official at the following address:

King County Solid Waste Division
Theresa Jennings, SEPA Responsible Official
Attn: Division Director's Office
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Pursuant to KCC 20.24.450, the Notice of Appeal must be filed by September 16, 2006, and be accompanied by the appeal fee of $250.00. Payment must be by check or money order made payable to "King County Treasury".