



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Determination of Nonsignificance

Name of Proposal: Samish Way Urban Village

SEP2009-00015: The proposal is intended to implement the City of Bellingham Comprehensive Plan Goal FLU-15 to facilitate and promote the development of a mixed-use urban village in a 68-acre area surrounding N. Samish Way. This will be accomplished with the following actions:

- A. Adoption of the Samish Way Sub-Area plan to:
- Encourage redevelopment in the area;
 - Provide a policy framework unique to the Samish Way Urban Village;
 - Encourage a healthy mix of diverse commercial and residential uses;
 - Guide development to encourage a safe, convenient and attractive pedestrian environment;
 - Provide predictability for stakeholders; and
 - Decrease automobile dependence;
- B. Adoption of development regulations to implement the Samish Way Sub-Area plan.
- C. Adoption of corresponding changes to the Sehome and York Neighborhood Plans and Zoning Tables (BMC 20.00.160 – Sehome Neighborhood Table of Zoning Regulations and BMC 20.00.210 – York Neighborhood Table of Zoning Regulations).

Location of proposal: Generally located west of I-5, east of 34th Street, north of Bill McDonald Parkway and south of Edwards Street.

Proponent: City of Bellingham, Planning & Community Development Department

Lead agency: City of Bellingham, Planning & Community Development Department

Environmental Information Considered:

1. SEPA Environmental Checklist, May 13, 1009
2. Planning Commission staff report for June 18, 2009 Public Hearing
3. Geotechnical Feasibility Study (Merit Engineers, October 10, 2008)
4. Traffic Analysis (Transpo Group, March 12, 2009)
5. Comprehensive Plan Final EIS (City of Bellingham, July 1, 2004)

All materials associated with this proposal are available on the Planning and Community Development Department web site at www.cob.org (Enter "Samish Way Urban Village" in the City's 'Search' bar). Hard copies will be available approximately 2 weeks prior to the hearing date.

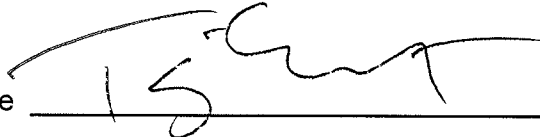
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed **environmental checklist** and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

- (X) This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the signature date below.
- () There is no comment period required for this proposal.

Comments must be submitted by: June 18, 2009

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Appeal Rights: This Determination of Nonsignificance may be appealed to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in accordance with RCW 36.70A.280.