



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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September 8, 2025

Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority
(Sound Transit)
ATTN: Becki Kniveton
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility South, (Corps No. NWS-2020-841), King County, Washington

Dear Becki Kniveton:

On October 3, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on October 31, 2024. On March 17, 2025, Sound Transit and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until October 3, 2025 in order for Sound Transit to obtain the 401 Water Quality Certification. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Sound Transit's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

Sound Transit proposes to construct a light rail vehicle operations and maintenance facility (OMF) in their southern region. The OMF would be constructed on a 66-acre site and would include: an operations and maintenance building, maintenance of way building, traction power substations, storage/training/runaround tracks, outdoor storage yards, and 480 parking spaces. A new mainline track would be constructed from the OMF, north 1.4 miles along Interstate 5, to the Federal Way Downtown Station. A test track would be constructed from the OMF alongside the new mainline track, north 0.9 mile to Winged Foot Way. New tracks would be both elevated and at grade.

Construction of the new mainline track and associated lead/runaround/tail tracks would require the realignment and modification of several segments of East Fork Hylebos Creek ("Tributary 0016A"). The realigned segments include approximately 550 linear ft. of stream channel just downstream of South 336th Street, and 1,350 linear ft. of channel between South

341st Place and South 341st Place. To accommodate the OMF and new tracks, changes to local roadway systems would also be required. At South 336th Street, two culverts that convey West Fork Hylebos Creek ("Tributary 0014C") beneath the roadway would be replaced with a fish passable structure. At South 344th Street, a culvert that conveys East Fork Hylebos Creek beneath both South 344th Street and an adjacent driveway would be abandoned, and the channel would be realigned and daylighted to accommodate the extension of 21st Avenue South.

This work would permanently impact 2.10 acres of wetlands, temporarily impact 0.54 acres of wetlands, and indirectly impact 0.20 acres of wetland. The work would also impact 2,832 linear feet in the East Fork of Hylebos Creek and West Fork of Hylebos Creek, and 7.13 acres of stream buffer area. To compensate for wetland impacts within WSDOT right-of-way, Sound Transit will purchase credits from King County's Mitigation Reserves Program (in-lieu fee), which includes 0.57 acres for permanent wetland impacts, 0.54 acres for temporary impacts, and 0.2 acres for indirect impacts. Sound Transit will compensate for the remaining 1.53 acres of wetland impacts within the Hylebos Creek basin through off-site permittee-responsible mitigation. A combination of 1.6 acres of wetland creation and 13 acres of wetland enhancement/preservation will occur on multiple private and city-owned parcels.

The project site is located at 33645 20th Avenue South, which lies between South 336th Street, Interstate 5, State Route 99, and South 341st Place in Federal Way, King County, Sections 9, 16, and 21, Township 21 N., Range 4 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 10 Puyallup-White.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Doug Gresham at 425-429-1846 or by email at doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Address and Location Information

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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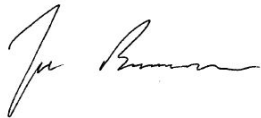
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Sincerely,



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