



King County

Department of Local Services
Road Services Division

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

Notice is given under State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.080, that King County Department of Local Services, Road Services Division, took the action described in item 2 below on July 27, 2020.

- 1. Action Deadline:** Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2020.
- 2. Description of Agency Action:** King County Department of Local Services, Road Services Division (Roads) made a decision to proceed with the South 277th Street Bridge #3126 Replacement (Project #1136001). Following this Notice of Action Taken, Roads will obtain required permits and approvals, and proceed to construction.
- 3. Description of Proposal:** King County proposes to replace the existing South 277th Street Bridge #3126 with a four-sided concrete box culvert. The project area is confined to the existing King County road right-of-way.

Currently the bridge is load-restricted and unable to support certain types of large trucks including some types of fire engines used by adjacent fire districts, full-size garbage trucks, dump trucks, and concrete mixers. The replacement culvert will provide unrestricted access for all vehicles. It will also provide environmental enhancements by improving seismic performance and fish passage at the crossing, removing creosote timber pilings from Mullen Slough, and increasing floodplain storage.

South 277th Street at this location has a traffic volume of about 23,000 vehicles per day, of which 2,600 vehicles are trucks carrying an estimated 4 to 10 million tons of freight per year. The road is a designated county snow/ice route, lifeline route, and Green River Valley flood evacuation route. The bridge has a sufficiency rating of 39.70 out of 100 and was identified in the King County 2017 Annual Bridge Report as a priority need for replacement.

The existing bridge has a 14-foot-wide opening over Mullen Slough; the new culvert will have a 19-foot-wide opening. The construction footprint is estimated at up to 200 feet long by the 92-foot width of the right-of-way. Traffic control and lane reductions during construction will extend approximately 1,000 feet west of 55th Avenue South and east to West Valley Highway South.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late spring of 2021 and be completed in the fall of 2021. It will require an estimated five months of active construction, including a reduction in travel lanes through the construction zone.

- 4. Location of Proposal:** The proposal is located within the road right-of-way on South 277th Street at the Mullen Slough crossing, between 55th Avenue South and West Valley Highway South in unincorporated King County, near the City of Kent. The site is located at latitude

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47.353669, longitude -122.258292 in the northwest quarter of Section 45, Township 22N, Range 05E (Willamette meridian). The location can be found on page 715, grid cell B7 of the Thomas Brothers Guide.

5. **Type of Environmental Review under SEPA:** As the SEPA lead agency, Roads issued a Determination of Non-significance on May 28, 2020, upon having determined that the project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A SEPA environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA Environmental Checklist (ECL) and supporting information on file with the lead agency.
6. **Document Availability:** General project information is available on the project website at: <https://kingcounty.gov/s277thstreetbridge>. Additional project information on file with the lead agency can be made available by contacting the Roads Communications Manager via contact information noted below.
7. **Name of Agency, Proponent or Applicant Giving Notice:** King County Department of Local Services, Road Services Division

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Road Services Division Director
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