

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply". Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions (actions involving decisions on policies, plans and programs), the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

2. Name of applicant:

City of Renton

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

August 28, 2008

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Renton

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

N/A

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

N/A

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

M-02 Business Districts- a Determination of Non-Significance Dated February 9, 1999 evaluated the proposal of having 60 du/acre densities in the commercial areas of the City.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

N/A

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

City Council approval of the Amendments.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site.

2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments:

- *M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard - Proposed Map Amendment From Commercial Neighborhood (CN zoning) and Employment Area – Industrial (IH zoning) to Urban Center North (UC-N2 zoning). The owner of the two parcels initiated this Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The two parcels total 2.86 acres in size. This is a non-project action and there is no proposed use or project at this time.*
- *M-02 Business District Overlays – Proposed Amendment to eliminate Business District Overlays primarily in the Commercial Arterial (CA) zone and Commercial Corridor (CC)*

Comprehensive Plan designation. There are currently a few properties zoned Residential Multi-Family (and designated for Residential Multi-Family land use) that are also included in the business districts. This includes text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, primarily to eliminate the policies related to business districts. The proposal also includes changes to the Title IV (Zoning) Regulations- to amend allowed uses and development regulations in the CA zone to get rid of the distinction between areas inside or outside of business districts. Most significantly, the proposal would allow increased development at 60 du/ac throughout the CA zone. Land use designation corrections will be made for RMF zoned parcels in the NE 4th and NE Sunset Boulevard corridors. The proposal also includes the following changes for uses in the CA zone: limitations on auto sales by restricting that use to the designated Automall or to CA zoned areas in the Employment Area-Valley land use designation only; stand-alone residential development will be prohibited in favor of mixed use residential development. Changes proposed to the development regulations include: establishment of a 5,000 square foot minimum lot size, an increase in maximum height to 60 ft. from 50 ft. in residential-commercial mixed use buildings, additional requirements for site to site vehicle access, and changes to the parking standard for residential uses.

- *M-03 Benson Hill Communities - Proposed Map Amendment to change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation for three parcels (.54 acres) in the Cascade Area from a designation of Residential Single-Family (with Residential Single-Family Zoning) to Commercial Corridor (with Commercial Arterial Zoning). This corrects an error in the Comprehensive Plan Map made during the 2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (related to the Benson Hill Annexation), which incorrectly designated existing commercial development in a residential designation.*
- *M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill - Proposed Map Amendments. The map amendments associated with this application are applying the existing King County zoning, existing development, and City of Renton criteria to most accurately designate the area with City of Renton Comprehensive Plan designations. The existing designations include: Residential Low Density, Residential Single Family, Residential Medium Density, and Commercial Corridor. Proposed designations include: all of the existing designations and the Residential Multi-Family designation. The proposed changes are of the nature of changing a Residential Single Family designation to Residential Multi-Family where an apartment community exists. The area is 5.52 square miles in size. This is a non-project action and there is no proposed use or project at this time.*
- *T-01 Housekeeping Updates- Proposed “housekeeping” amendments to correct formatting and scrivener’s errors and to update the Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with Council adopted plans, such as the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (6 year TIP), and to update figures, maps, and/or service areas to reflect changes to City Limits related to annexations.*
- *T-02 Amendments Related to Community Planning- Proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan to include policies for Community Planning in the Introduction and Vision Element of the Comprehensive Plan. A new Community Planning element will be added. Policies that are currently in the Land Use element residential, commercial, centers, and employment area sections will be re organized by topic, and thus redistributed both within the Land Use element and to other Comprehensive Plan elements.*

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

- *M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard - See attached map.*
- *M-02 Business District Overlays – This affects all properties zoned CA Citywide.*
- *M-03 Benson Hill Communities - See attached map.*
- *M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill - See attached map.*

- T-01 Format and Updates for All Elements- This affects policies and plans that are in place City-wide.
- T-02 Amendments Related to Community Planning- This affects policies that are in place City-wide.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. EARTH

- a. General description of the site (circle one); flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope?)

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

2. AIR

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emission or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

3. WATER

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

N/A Non-project action, however for site specific requests there are water bodies to take note of:

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Lake Washington is located approximately 1,100 feet away from the subject parcels.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. Madsen and Molasses Creeks are within the subject area and Soos Creek runs along a portion of the southwestern boundary of the area.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters, if so, describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 2) Could waste material enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

4. PLANTS

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:
____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
____ shrubs
____ grass
____ pasture
____ crop or grain
____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
____ water plants: water lily, eel grass, milfoil, other
____ other types of vegetation

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

5. ANIMALS

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other _____
Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other _____
Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- a. Are there any **environmental health hazards**, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Currently this is vacant land.

M-02 Business Overlays. Currently the majority of the CA zoned land in the City is in use for commercial activity, with some vacant parcels.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. Current land use is office buildings.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. Currently a mix of uses including: single-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial uses (retail, office, services, etc.), parks, golf course, and vacant land.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Commercial Neighborhood and Industrial Heavy.

M-02 Business Overlays. Commercial Arterial and Residential Multi-Family.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. Residential- 8 units per net acre.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. This area is in King County and has not been zoned by the City of Renton.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Commercial Neighborhood and Employment Area - Industrial

M-02 Business Overlays. Commercial Corridor and Employment Area-Valley.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. Residential Single-Family.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. Residential Low Density, Residential Single-Family, Residential Medium Density, and Commercial Corridor.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Capacity with the proposed UC-N designation, 165 jobs and 102 housing units.

M-02 Business Overlays. If all Commercial Arterial properties were redeveloped or developed at the rates suggested by buildable lands analysis, they would collectively have the capacity for approximately 57,500 people and 15,700 jobs.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. Under the buildable lands analysis, this area is at build-out and would not result in additional capacity unless partially or completely redeveloped.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. Capacity under the proposed land use designations is approximately 40,000 people, and 900 jobs using buildable lands figures.

However, all of these proposed changes are non-project actions; there is no project to consider and therefore the numbers presented indicate the capacity.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

9. HOUSING

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable, Non-project action. The proposal does not provide or replace any number of units. The numbers below represent capacity, as calculated using estimates from the City's buildable lands analysis.

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Capacity with the proposed UC-N designation 60 housing units.

M-02 Business Overlays. Capacity if all CA properties contained high density mixed use residential-commercial development would be approximately 33,900 units.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. Although this is zoned for residential development now, it contains existing commercial development. Any proposed increase in housing units is included in the figure for the Business Overlay number above.

M-04. Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. Capacity under the proposed land use designations is approximately 19,000 housing units.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

10. AESTHETICS

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

M-02 Business Districts does allow a small increase in height from 50 ft to 60 ft maximum for mixed use (residential-commercial) buildings.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. The topography and location of the site is such that it is expected that there will be no views altered or obstructed. However, there is no proposed project at this time.

M-02 Business Overlays. There could be the potential for some slight blockage of views in some of the CA districts, due to the proposed increase in height for mixed use buildings, however, such impacts are project specific and will be reviewed at the time of proposal, also with the additional review of Urban Design District D.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Development in the Urban Center North Two zone is required to adhere to Design District C standards, which work to control aesthetic impacts and ensure quality design features.

M-02 Business Overlays. Development would be required to adhere to Urban Design District D standards, which work to control aesthetic impacts and ensure quality design features.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. As above for M-02.

11. LIGHT AND GLARE

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

12. RECREATION

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposals would not affect recreation on the sites or in the immediate vicinity.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

14. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Lake Washington Boulevard serves the site.

M-02 Business Overlays. By definition and designation, all of the Commercial Arterial sites face a major arterial.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. This site is located on 116th Ave SE.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. Southeast Petrovitsky Road, 140th Avenue Southeast, and Southeast 192nd Street are all arterial roadways located within the subject area that provide access to most of the collector streets in the subject area.

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard. Transit runs along North Park Avenue which is within ½ mile from the site.

M-02 Business Overlays. The majority of the Commercial Arterial sites are served by metro transit service.

M-03 Benson Hill Communities. This site is served directly by the 101, 155, and 148 routes.

M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill. There are many transit routes that serve various portions of the area including the 101, 155, and 148.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private?)

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

16. UTILITIES

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Not Applicable, Non-project action.

C. SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, state that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and complete. It is understood that the lead agency may withdraw any declaration of non-significance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part.

Proponent: _____

Name Printed: _____

Date: _____

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEETS FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(These sheets should only be used for actions involving decisions on policies, plans and programs. You do not need to fill out these sheets for project actions.)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposals are Comprehensive Plan amendments and the changes are not project specific and therefore would not increase discharge to water, emission to air, toxic substances, or noise. However, any development would be required to meet City of Renton regulations.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

N/A

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposals are Comprehensive Plan amendments and the changes are not project specific and therefore would not affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. However, development would be required to comply with City of Renton regulations and with Renton's Critical Areas Ordinance. It is expected that at the project level review, any adverse affects to plants, animals, fish, or marine life would be restricted or mitigated.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

N/A

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposals are Comprehensive Plan amendments and the changes are not project specific and therefore would not be likely to deplete energy or natural resources. In the case of M-02 Business Districts, additional capacity for residential development is being created, which will increase the need for energy and natural resources. However, development would be reviewed for it's effect on energy and natural resources at the time of project application.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

N/A

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

The proposals are Comprehensive Plan amendments and the changes are not project specific and therefore would not be any likely effects on areas designated for governmental protection..

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

N/A

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

These proposals are compatible with existing land and shoreline plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

N/A

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposals are Comprehensive Plan amendments and would likely not affect transportation or public services. However, project specific development could increase the demand for transportation or public services, especially in the Commercial Arterial zone (M-02 Business Districts) where there is additional residential capacity being created. When density is increased it can lead to economies of scale and improved likelihood of expanded transit routes and/or increased frequency of service.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

These proposals are compatible with requirements for the protection of the environment.

SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, state that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and complete. It is understood that the lead agency may withdraw any declaration of non-significance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part.

Proponent: _____

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