



**CITY OF GRANDVIEW
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
WASHINGTON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

The City of Grandview, as the lead agency, issued a:

- ☒ Determination of Non-significance (DNS)
- ☐ Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS)
- ☐ Modified DNS/MDNS

under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2) on the following:

Description of Proposal: Old Inland Empire Highway (Welch) Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Proponent: City of Grandview

Location of proposal: City of Grandview, 207 West Second Street, Grandview, WA 98930

Lead Agency: City of Grandview

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.

- ☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.
- ☐ This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355.
- ☒ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below.

Responsible official: Hector Mejia
Position/title: Public Works Director
Phone: (509) 882-9200
Address: 207 West Second Street, Grandview, WA 98930
Email: anitap@grandview.wa.us

Date: January 10, 2024

Signature: _____

**CITY OF GRANDVIEW
Yakima County, Washington**

**CITY OF GRANDVIEW
OLD INLAND EMPIRE HIGHWAY (WELCH)
SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Prepared by



**HLA Project No. 23157
January 2024**

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. BACKGROUND

1. *Name of Proposal, if Applicable:* Old Inland Empire Highway (Welch)
Sanitary Sewer Improvements
2. *Name of Proponent:* City of Grandview
Phone Number: (509) 882-9200
Address of Proponent: 207 W. Second St.
Grandview, WA 98930
3. *Person Completing Form:* Michael Uhlman, PE
Phone Number: (509) 966-7000
Address: HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc.
2803 River Road
Yakima, WA 98902
4. *Date Checklist Prepared:* January 2024
5. *Agency Requesting Checklist:* City of Grandview
6. *Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):*
Construction is anticipated to begin April 2024.
7. *Do you have any plans for future additions, expansions, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.*
No.
8. *List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.*
None.
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.*
No.
10. *List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.*
 - Grandview City Council - approval of the project design, authorization to advertise for bids, and award of construction contract.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.

The City of Grandview desires to improve its sanitary sewer system including new sanitary sewer main, manhole structures, services, and surface restoration by:

- Constructing a new line to replace the existing deteriorated and undersized sewer main on 5th Street including Stassen Way to Grandridge Road, Grandridge Road between 4th Street and 5th Street, and south into Dykstra Park.
- Rehabilitating the existing sewer main through the Lineage Cold Storage campus to an existing connection on Division Street, north of Munson Lane.
- Resurfacing existing roadway and pathway.
- Replacing disturbed sidewalk and curb and gutter.

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 application related to this checklist.

The project element is located within Section 23, Township 9N, Range 23E, within the City of Grandview, as shown on the attached vicinity map.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. EARTH

- a. General description of the site (underline one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
0% to 8% slope.
- 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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

The soil types found at this location are Warden silt loam and Esquatzel silt loam. These soils are very deep and well-drained, typically found on terraces and flood plains, respectively. The permeability of this soil is moderate. The effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. Runoff from this soil is slow.

The Warden silt loam is classified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) as Prime Farmland; however, this is completely in a developed, residential area.

The Esquatzel silt loam is classified by the USDA-NRCS as prime farmland, if irrigated; however, this is completely in a developed, residential area.

- d. *Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.*
There are no surface indications of unstable soils.
- e. *Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.*
Backfilling for utilities will consist of crushed aggregate for pipe zone bedding, native material, and select backfill for trench backfill. The area of soil disturbance for this project is approximately 17,750 square feet, and the volume of material to be disturbed is approximately 6,300 cubic yards.
- f. *Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.*
No.
- g. *About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or building)?*
Approximately 45%. No additional areas of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces. Existing asphalt will be replaced during construction.
- h. *Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:*
Potential erosion due to construction activities will be controlled through the implementation of sedimentation and erosion control best management practices.

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, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.*
During construction, minor amounts of dust and exhaust from equipment activity.
The completed project will not affect air quality.
- b. *Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.*
No.
- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:*
The construction contractor will be required to control dust during construction by watering the project site. The contractor will also be required to clean mud and dust from public roadways as necessary.

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.*
No.
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.*
No.
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.*
None.
4. *Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.*
No.
5. *Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.*
No.
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.*
No.

b. *Ground Water:*

1. *Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.*
No groundwater anticipated.
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.*
None anticipated.

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 the water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.*

All storm water from the completed project will be directed into existing catch basins in the vicinity. This project will not result in the discharge of storm water into a surface water body.

2. *Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.*

No.

3. *Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.*

No drainage patterns are anticipated to be altered.

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

Not applicable.

4. PLANTS

a. *Check or underline type of vegetation found on the site:*

X deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

X evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

X shrubs

X grass

___ pasture

___ crop or grain

___ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops

___ wet soil plants; cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

___ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

___ other types of vegetation

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

Minor amounts of weeds and grass along the alignment will likely be removed for the new sanitary sewer improvements.

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

There are no listed endangered or threatened plants that occur within the general project vicinity.

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

None.

- e. *List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.*
There are none known to exist.

5. ANIMALS

- a. *List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:*
Hawks, songbirds, and small rodents.
- b. *List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.*
There are no listed endangered or threatened animals that occur within the general project vicinity. All improvements will occur in a mostly developed residential and industrial area. The known endangered or threatened species nearest the project site include the Gray Wolf, North American Wolverine, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and Bull Trout, but are not anticipated to occur.
- c. *Is this site part of a migration route? If so, explain.*
Most of Washington State is part of the Pacific Flyway migratory route for birds.
- d. *Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:*
None.
- e. *List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.*
None.

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.
- b. *Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.*
No.
- 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.

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.*

None anticipated.

1. *Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.*
There is no known past or present contamination that will affect the project.
2. *Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmissions pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.*
There are no known existing hazardous chemicals that will affect the project.
There are natural gas lines within the project area. Locates will be called for prior to excavation.
3. *Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.*
There are no known toxic or hazardous chemicals that will be stored, used, or produced during the project development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
4. *Describe special emergency services that might be required.*
There are no known emergency services that will be needed as a result of this project. Emergency medical aid may be required should an injury occur during or after construction. Emergency fire services may be required should an injury or fire occur during or after construction.
5. *Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:*
There are no known environmental health hazards associated with this proposal, therefore there are no proposed measures.

b. *Noise*

1. *What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?*
None.
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.*
Construction noise is anticipated to be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3. *Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:*
Restrict construction to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

- a. *What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.*
The current use of the site includes City public right of way, City property, residential, industrial, and Dykstra Park. The proposal will not affect current land use.
- b. *Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest land? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?*
No, there are no known agriculture or forest land use on the site.
1. *Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:*
No, the proposal will not affect or be affected.
- c. *Describe any structures on the site.*
None.
- d. *Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?*
Not applicable.
- e. *What is the current zoning classification of the site?*
The current zoning of the site is City right of way, public facility, and light industrial.
- f. *What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?*
The current comprehensive plan designation of the site is City right of way, industrial, and public facilities.
- g. *If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?*
Not applicable.
- h. *Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.*
No.
- i. *Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?*
None.

- j. *Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?*
None.
- k. *Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:*
Not applicable.
- l. *Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:*
None.
- m. *Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:*
None.

9. HOUSING

- a. *Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.*
None.
- b. *Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.*
None.
- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:*
Not applicable.

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.
- b. *What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?*
None.
- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:*
None.

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.
- b. *Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?*
No.
- c. *What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?*
None.
- d. *Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:*
Not applicable.

12. RECREATION

- a. *What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?*
The west end of the project is located within the City's Dykstra Park.
- b. *Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.*
No.
- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:*
The project alignment will extend through the Park; however, it will restrict only that specific area during the construction period. The contractor will be required to secure the site at the end of everyday to ensure the safety of residents using the park.

13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

- a. *Area there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.*
According to the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's (DAHP) Washington Information System for Architectural and Archeological Records Data (WISAARD), there are no eligible registered properties within or adjacent to the project limits. The nearest registered property is approximately 1,000 feet from the project limits.
- b. *Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Is there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.*
None.

- c. *Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.*
WISAARD online portal.
- d. *Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.*
It is anticipated the proposed project should not affect any cultural or historical resources. There are no known impacts, therefore no measures are proposed. If, during construction, artifacts are found, then work within the area will cease and the proper authority will be notified.

14. TRANSPORTATION

- a. *Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.*
See attached vicinity map. The project is resurfacing an existing street after constructing the new sanitary sewer line.
- b. *Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?*
No public transit service is provided within the project limits.
- c. *Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).*
Yes, roadway improvements were described in section A.11 in this document.
- d. *Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.*
No.
- e. *How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?*
It is not anticipated that the completed project will increase vehicular trips.
- f. *Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.*
No.

- g. *Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:*
During construction, traffic signing and/or detouring may be necessary at some locations.

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

- a. *Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.*
No.
- b. *Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.*
None.

16. UTILITIES

- a. *Underline the utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, irrigation, cable TV, and drains.*
- 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.*
The proposed project consists of the installation of a new sanitary sewer main. The sewer service is provided by the City of Grandview.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.



Michael Uhlman, PE
Project Engineer
HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc.

1/4/2025
Date

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTION

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?*
This proposal will not increase discharges to water, emissions to air; produce or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or increase noise pollution.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:
No measures are proposed.

2. *How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?*
The proposal will not create any adverse impacts on plants, animals, fish or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:
No measures are proposed.

3. *How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?*
The proposal will not deplete energy or natural resources other than through normal building operations of commercial businesses.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:
Energy efficient measures will be installed wherever practicable.

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, floodplains, or prime farmlands?*
The proposal will not affect environmentally sensitive areas.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
No measures are proposed.

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?*
The proposal will not affect land or shoreline use.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
No measures are proposed.

6. *How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?*
The proposal will not affect demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
No measures are proposed.

7. *Identify, if possible whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.*
The proposal is not known to conflict with local, state, or federal laws protecting the environment.

