#### NEPA AND OverviewSEPA PROCESS

Project is Proposed

3 Build Alternatives Developed

Initiate Environmental Review

We are here.

Scoping - Solicit Public and Agency Comments on Alternatives

Note: Development of more than one alternative is only required if the project goes to EIS. The City has chosen to evaluate three alternatives regardess of level documentation that will ultimately be required.

Note: Scoping is only required for an EIS. The City has chosen to implement a full scoping process regardless of the level of environmental documentation that will ultimately be required.

Prepare Environmental Discipline Reports - Analyze 1 No-Build and 3 Build Alternatives

Discipline Reports Reviewed and Approved by WSDOT and FHWA

City Select Recommended Alternative

Lead Agencies Determine Necessary Level of Environmental Documenation

Prepare NEPA/SEPA Environmental Documents and Biological Assessment for Recommended Alternative

Public Review of Environmental Documents

Are Significant Impacts Likely?

 Discipline Reports available for public review after finalization by FHWA.

Guided by the results of the impact analysis presented in the Discipline Reports.

Yes

NEPA/SEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Required

\*Scoping/Public Notice of Intent

Draft EIS (NEPA/SEPA)

**Public Comment Period** 

Final EIS (NEPA/SEPA)

Agency Decision (Federal and Local)

NEPA

Documented Categorical Exclusion (No Significant Impacts, No Mitigation Needed); or Environmental Assessment (No Significant Impacts, Could Include Mitigation)

SEPA Environmental Checklist

Determination is Issued: NEPA - Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) SEPA - Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

**Public Comment Period** 

Agency Decision (Federal and Local)

\*Note: If the project goes to EIS, Scoping completed at project initiation will have already satisfied this requirement.





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### Projected Timeline for Environmental Analysis



2006 2007

Public Scoping Period

December

November

November 30, 2006-January 2, 2007

Public Meeting #1

Review of and Comment on Alternatives and Environmental Process. 2 meetings scheduled

Develop Environmental Discipline Reports

January-May

IndAnalyzing 1 No Build and 3 Build Alternatives, Individual Discipline Reports will be available for public review after finalization by WSDOT and FHWA.

Public Meeting #2

Present results of Discipline Reports
Public Hearing on Environmental Impacts of
Three Alternatives

Aurora Business & Community Team

City Selects Recommended

June

Lead agencies determine necessary level of NEPA/ SEPA environmental review

**Alternative** 

July-August

Develop Draft NEPA/SEPA Environmental Documents

for Recommended Alternative

Public Meeting#3

Public Review of and Comment on NEPA/SEPA document — Recommended Alternative

Regular City Council Briefings by Project Team
Continuous Community Outreach

September-October

Public Review of NEPA/SEPA Documents

Finalize NEPA/SEPA Documents

November-December

We are here.

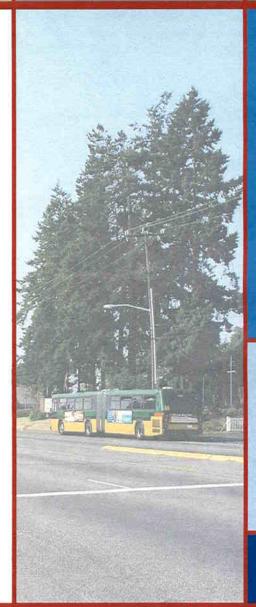






# What is covered in an environmental discipline report?

- Definition of the study area for that discipline
- Existing characteristics for that discipline within the study area
- Description of methods by which project effects are analyzed
- Definition of thresholds by which significant effects are identified
- Identification of effects of project construction on that discipline
- Identification of effects of project completion on that discipline
- Description of measures identified to reduce, avoid, or mitigate project effects
- Identification of any significant, unavoidable project effects that cannot be mitigated to less than significant levels







## **Environmental Disciplines**

#### **Natural Environment**

Earth (Geology and Soils)

Air

Water Quality/Surface Water

Floodplain

Groundwater

Wildlife, Fish, and Vegetation

Wetlands

**Public Lands** 

#### **Built Environment**

Hazardous Materials

Land Use, Plans and Policies

Historic, Cultural, and Archeological Resources

Social, Economic, and Relocation

**Environmental Justice** 

**Visual Impacts** 

Transportation

Noise

**Public Services and Utilities** 

Energy





# Opportunities for Comment



# Scoping Period

November 30, 2006 – January 2, 2007

All comments received by 5:00 p.m. January 2, 2007, will be included in the scoping report

# During this meeting:

- Drop off written comments here.
- Provide verbal comments to court reporter here.

# After this meeting:

Written comments may be submitted to:

Kris Overleese City of Shoreline 17544 Midvale Avenue N. Shoreline, WA 98133

Or submit comments on-line:

http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/aurora/165-205

**For information** about the project and proposed alternatives go to: http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/aurora/165-205





