

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS
SR 302, EGLIN CLIFTON ROAD TO SR 16 CORRIDOR STUDY

Description of Proposal: The project will address existing and long-term safety and congestion conditions on State Route 302 between Key Peninsula Highway and State Route 16 in Pierce County, Washington, including State Route SR 302 Spur. This corridor is approximately 7.6 miles long, and is located between milepost 11.55 and milepost 16.87 on State Route 302, and milepost 17.13 on State Route 302 Spur.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympic Region

Location of Proposal: The subject highway corridor is SR 302 between Key Peninsula Highway and SR 16 in Pierce County. Alternative corridors currently under consideration include those that lie in Pierce County only, and others that lie in both Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

Lead Agency: Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympic Region

EIS Required: The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. Materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at our offices by contacting John Donahue at 360-357-2788 or donahjo@wsdot.wa.gov.

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Air Quality; Fish and Aquatic Resources; Floodplains, Groundwater, and Surface Water; Geology; Hazardous Materials; Historical and Cultural Resources; Land Use; Noise; Parks and Public Lands (Section 4[F]); Social Impacts and Relocations; Visual Quality; Water Resources And Shoreline; Wetlands; Wildlife and Terrestrial Habitat and Permits and Licenses.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. WSDOT will be holding a scoping meeting to kick off the EIS process. The agency meeting will be held on January 12, 2009 from 10am to 12pm at the Peninsula Light Company located at 13315 Goodnough Dr NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332, and a site visit is scheduled to follow from 1pm to 3pm on the same day. A public open house will also be held on the same day, from 4pm to 7pm, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 South Vaughn Road KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394. If you are unable to attend the meeting please send your comments in writing by February 13, 2009 to John Donahue at WSDOT Olympic Region Planning Office, PO Box 47440, Olympia, WA 98504-7440 or by e-mail donahjo@wsdot.wa.gov.

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