



NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED JOINT DIRECTOR’S RULE “SDCI 5-2021/SDOT 01-2021” AND SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The Directors of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections(SDCI) and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) propose to adopt the following Director’s Rule:

Joint SDCI/SDOT Director’s Rule 05-2021/01-2021 Transportation Management Programs

The Director’s Rule establishes the responsibilities of property owners, applicants, and proponents of projects (the “Applicant/Responsible Party”) subject to the Land Use Code or State Environmental Policy Act (“SEPA”) requirements to develop a Transportation Management Program (“TMP”). This Rule also identifies the ordinance authority and establishes the content, procedures, compliance, and reporting requirements of TMPs. The Rule is an update of the existing Joint Director’s Rule for TMPs (DPD 27-2015 / SDOT 09-2015) and substantive changes include:

1. This Joint Director’s Rule clarifies the applicability and related authority of when a particular development proposal is subject to a TMP, either through SEPA review or Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) requirements.
2. This Joint Director’s Rule updates the transportation mode share definition of a Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) trip to include any Transportation Network Company (TNC) vehicle or taxicab trip with one professional driver and one passenger, in addition to traditional SOV trips made in personally-owned vehicles.
3. This Joint Director’s Rule updates various TMP program elements, some of which are required for all TMPs, and others of which may be recommended. A significant update in this Joint Director’s Rule is a separate elements table, with accompanying narrative, for primarily residential projects. Additionally, some new suggested TMP program elements have been introduced that reflect trends in urban mobility over the last 5 years since the previous Director’s Rule update, while others have been consolidated or deleted to better reflect the current state of the practice.
4. This Joint Director’s Rule includes edits to the existing Rule to clarify processes and roles/responsibilities in the process of developing, implementing, and monitoring a TMP.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has determined that the adoption of the Joint Director’s Rule described above will not have a probable significant adverse environmental impact, and has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (no Environmental Impact Statement required).

HOW TO COMMENT:

Written comments on the proposed adoption of this Joint Director’s Rule, or regarding this DNS or potential environmental impacts may be submitted through March 4, 2021. Comments may be sent to:

City of Seattle, SDCI
Attn: Gordon Clowers
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AND/OR

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Attn: Ben Rosenblatt
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HOW TO APPEAL

Appeals of the decision to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) must be submitted to the Office of the Hearing Examiner by 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2021. Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by an \$85.00 filing fee in a check payable to the City of Seattle. The appeal must be sent to:

City of Seattle
Hearing Examiner
PO Box 94729
Seattle WA 98124-4729

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the DNS and the proposal may be obtained online at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/document-library/directors-rules-and-ordinances>, or the February 18, 2021 Land Use Information Bulletin notice at: <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/Cap/CapHome.aspx?module=DPDPublicNotice&TabName=DPDPublicNotice>. (The SDCI Public Resource Center is currently closed due to public health emergency.)

Questions about the proposed Joint Director’s Rule and about the environmental determination can be directed to Gordon Clowers, SDCI Senior Planner, at gordon.clowers@seattle.gov and Ben Rosenblatt, SDOT Senior Transportation Planner, at ben.rosenblatt@seattle.gov.