

**SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)  
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BALLARD BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT**

**Description of proposal:** The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) proposes to add various structural strengthening elements to the Ballard Bridge in order to prevent collapse of the structure during an upper-level seismic event. Construction activities will take place along the entire bridge except for the bridge bascule. In-water work will be required to install steel column jackets around the bridge support piers beneath the south approach.

**Proponent and Lead Agency:** Seattle Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 34966, Seattle, WA 98124-4996.

**Location of proposal:** The project is located along the Ballard Bridge, which supports 15th Ave NW between W Nickerson St and NW 45th St in Seattle, Washington.

SDOT has determined that this proposal will 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 may be examined in the Seattle Department of Planning and Development Public Resource Center at 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000, Seattle. Documents are also available at the Ballard Branch of the Seattle Public Library, 5614 22nd Ave NW, Seattle.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. **Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. April 25, 2011.**

**Issue Date:** April 11, 2011

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Peter Hahn, Director, SDOT

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a Notice of Appeal and a \$50.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located at 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 4000, Seattle; mailing address: P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729; telephone: (206) 684-0521. **The appeal must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. May 2, 2011.** The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.