

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [Find help answering background questions](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

211th Place NE Corridor Improvements project

2. Name of applicant:

James Kelly

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

154 W. Cox Avenue Arlington WA 98223, 360-403-3505, James Kelly

4. Date checklist prepared:

February 27, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Arlington

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Construction is expected to start Summer 2024.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

There are no plans for future additions related to this proposal.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

A Cultural Resource Report has been prepared as part of the proposed 211th Place NE Corridor Improvements project.

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.

There are no known pending applications for governmental approvals that will affect the proposed project.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

The permits and approvals needed for this proposal are: Right of way acquisitions, SEPA determination, design review, clearing and grading and right-of-way construction permit.

11. Give a 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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The City of Arlington is proposing roadway improvements along 211th Pl NE between SR 503 and 67th Ave NE. The proposed improvements include roadway rehabilitation for freight and vehicle movement, a grade separated 12-ft wide multi use path for bicyclists and pedestrians, ADA compliant curb ramps, street amenities such as artwork and landscaping, and street lighting. The intersection at 67th Ave will also be improved to allow for wider truck turning movements.

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 applications related to this checklist.

The proposed project is located within the City of Arlington City limits, in Snohomish County, in Sections 10 and 11, in Township 31 North and Range 5 East.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

a. General description of the site:

The site is generally flat, steep slopes are located immediately north

Circle or highlight one **Flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Slopes within the project area are approximately 2%.

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 general soils types found on site include Everett very gravelly sandy loam, Alderwood-Everett gravelly sandy loam, and Lynwood loamy sand.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There are no known surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity.

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.

The purpose of the fill is to construct a shared use path, landscaping, roadway resurfacing, illumination, and curb ramps to the existing roadway. Fill quantity is 1700 CY, Cut quantity is 3300 CY. Fill will include existing material from the site and imported material from a certified pit. The majority of the cut quantities will come from the pond excavation.

f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion is always a possibility during construction. To address this possibility, erosion and sediment control measures will be employed and maintained throughout the project as site conditions warrant. Even with erosion control measures in place, minor erosion could occur in the event of heavy rainfall until new vegetation is established. It is not anticipated that use of the site after construction will cause erosion.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Approximately 30% net new impervious surfaces after construction.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

A SWPPP and TESC plan will be prepared and implemented prior to construction activities to reduce the project's risk of erosion and other impacts to the earth. At completion of the project, permanent measures will include stormwater conveyance and facilities.

2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Emissions consistent with construction activities such as from trucks, heavy equipment, dust, etc. are expected to occur temporarily during site construction. After construction, minor emissions will be produced from automobile traffic.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

There are no known off-site sources of emissions that would affect this proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

During construction, vehicles and equipment would be turned off when not in use. Appropriate dust control measures to prevent fugitive dust, including watering of exposed areas and dust covers for trucks, would be employed during construction.

3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)

a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

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.

March Creek is located approximately 200 ft north of the project site.

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 work will occur in, over or adjacent to March Creek.

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.

No fill material would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands.

4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No, this proposal will not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

According to FEMA's Flood Map Service Center (MSC), the project site is not located within a 100-year floodplain, however the Stillaguamish River floodplain (identified as Zone AE) is located immediately north of the project site.

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, this proposal would not involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground Water: [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

- 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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No groundwater will be withdrawn, and no water will be discharged to groundwater.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.**

There will not be any waste material discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- a) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Stormwater runoff will be generated by the site's impervious surfaces. At completion of the project, stormwater conveyance and facilities will be in place no offsite runoff is anticipated (see civil site plans for additional detail).

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

It is not anticipated that waste materials will enter ground or surface waters.

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

Stormwater produced by the project will be collected and treated. At a minimum, the site will meet the pre-project runoff rates and should not adversely affect drainage patterns in the vicinity.

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

This project will comply with the 2019 Western Washington Stormwater Design Manual and will follow City of Arlington requirements for erosion control. This project will employ standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction defined by the Western Washington Stormwater Design Manual and as approved by the City Engineer.

4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- 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?

Mostly grasses and shrubs will be removed during clearing.

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

According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) database, there are no known occurrences of threatened or endangered species on or near the site.

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

Landscape plans will be provided for seeding and plantings during the construction phase and will comply with the City's landscaping BMPs.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

There are no known noxious weeds or invasive species on or near the site.

5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

A variety of birds and small mammals are known to be in the vicinity of the site. No impacts to wildlife anticipated as a result of this project.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) database, there are no known occurrences of threatened or endangered species on or near the site.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Because Washington is within the Pacific Flyway route, migration routes may exist near the site. However, this proposal is not anticipated to impact any migration routes.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

No impacts to wildlife are anticipated as a result of this proposal; therefore, no specific measures to preserve or enhance wildlife are proposed.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

There are no invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

1. 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.

The completed project will use electricity for street lighting.

2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No, this project would not affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.

3. 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.

Construction activities and the completed project will meet or exceed WA State Energy Code.

7. Environmental Health [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.

There are no known environmental health hazards that could occur as a result of this proposal.

1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Ecology's "What's in My Neighborhood?" mapping tool shows a cleanup started site located north of the project area, near the intersection of 211th PI NE and 67th Ave NE. This clean up site is outside of the project area and will not affect the proposed project.

2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

None known.

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.

None anticipated; however, if any chemicals are used onsite, they will be stored in accordance with Occupational and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

During construction, general emergency response may be required in case of construction accidents. Otherwise, there are no special or new emergency services that would be required as a result of this proposal.

5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

Proper orange fencing will be used to identify construction area hazards and keep injury of bystanders or construction personnel to a minimum. The SWPPP will outline the proper BMPs to control access and pollution or sediment loss from the project to unintended receptors such as surrounding stormwater vaults.

b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Noise at the site is primary related to automobile and train traffic. These noise sources will not change as a result of the proposed site plan and are not expected to affect this proposal.

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)?

Short-term, this project will generate varying construction noises typical of a construction project (use of trucks, heavy equipment, etc.). Construction noise will occur only during hours permitted, and routing of construction traffic and timing will be reviewed to minimize noise impacts to adjacent properties. Long-term noise associated with operation of the project includes noise associated with traffic, and is anticipated to be comparable to what currently exists in the site vicinity.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

To minimize short-term noise impacts, construction activities will take place only during the hours allowed by the City of Arlington, and will not exceed allowable noise limits. The noise produced from the completed project is expected to be comparable to what is currently produced, so no additional measures are proposed at this time.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

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 project site is an existing roadway and adjacent uses include residential, commercial and undeveloped. The proposal includes widening the existing roadway, therefore right-of-way acquisitions will occur to properties located along the south portion of the roadway.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because 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, the site has not been used as working farmlands or forest lands. No agricultural or forest land of long-term significance will be affected by this proposal.

- 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 by any working farm or forest land operations.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

There are no structures currently located on the project site.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

No structures will be demolished.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

The current zoning classification surrounding the project site include a mix of general commercial, residential low capacity and neighborhood commercial.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

The current comprehensive plan identifies the surround land uses to include general commercial with a mixed use overlay, moderate density residential, low to moderate density residential and neighborhood commercial.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

There are no shoreline master program designations on the project site. North of the project site, along a portion of March Creek has a shoreline designation of Natural.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

Steep slopes have been identified along the north edge of the project site. A 50-foot setback is required from the top of the steep slope for infiltration facilities (COA Standards).

- 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.

N/A; no displacement impacts are anticipated.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

The proposal includes roadway improvements to an existing road to improve the movement of vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. The proposed improvements are compatible with existing and projected land uses.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.

N/A; there are no impacts anticipated.

9. Housing [Find help answering housing questions](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

No housing units would be provided.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

No housing units would be eliminated.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.

N/A; no housing impacts are anticipated.

10. Aesthetics [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

No structures are proposed.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No views would be obstructed as a result of this proposal. Views toward the site from land uses along the south project boundary would be slightly altered, as the site plan proposes retaining walls. However, the project will meet the City of Arlington aesthetic requirements, and project landscaping will enhance the site and mitigate any aesthetic impact.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

The project will meet the City of Arlington aesthetic requirements.

11. Light and Glare [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Outdoor lighting fixtures will be provided to light pedestrian walkways and vehicle travel ways, which will produce exterior illumination at night.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No, there will be not be a safety hazard from light or glare when the project is complete, nor will it interfere with any views.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

There are no off-site sources of light or glare that will affect this proposal.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

The light produced from the completed project is not expected to cause impacts, therefore no measures are proposed.

12. Recreation [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

There are no recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No, this proposal would not displace any existing recreational uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

N/A; there will be no impacts to recreation as a result of this proposal.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

a. Are 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? If so, specifically describe.

No there are no buildings, structures, or sites, that fit these requirements.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are 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.

The Cultural Resources Assessment of The 211th Place NE Corridor Improvements, 67th Ave To Sr 530, Arlington, Snohomish County, Washington, prepared by Legacy Anthropology, LLC, documented the following conclusions and recommendations:

Protected cultural resources were identified during this survey. Based on the positive result of the archaeological survey we recommend the following:

- That the proposed Project will have no adverse effects on the documented historic properties adjacent to the APE.
- That the proposed Project will impact precontact archaeological site LA-2023-02.

- That a monitoring permit be issued by DAHP for ground disturbing work occurring within site LA-2023-02
- That all ground disturbing work within a 200-foot radius around LA-2023-02 be monitored by a Professional Archaeologist
- That a detailed Archaeological Monitoring Plan be generated and applied to the areas to be monitored
- That an Inadvertent Archaeological and Historic Resources Discovery Plan (IDP) be followed during ground disturbing activities outside of the 200-foot buffer of precontact archaeological site LA-2023-02.

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.

A Cultural Resources Assessment prepared by Legacy Anthropology, LLC was reviewed and WISAARD was consulted to assess potential impacts.

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.

Proposed measures include the recommendations identified in the Cultural Resources Assessment, prepared by Legacy Anthropology, LLC, which include:

- That a monitoring permit be issued by DAHP for ground disturbing work occurring within site LA-2023-02
- That all ground disturbing work within a 200-foot radius around LA-2023-02 be monitored by a Professional Archaeologist
- That a detailed Archaeological Monitoring Plan be generated and applied to the areas to be monitored
- That an Inadvertent Archaeological and Historic Resources Discovery Plan (IDP) be followed during ground disturbing activities outside of the 200-foot buffer of precontact archaeological site LA-2023-02.

14. Transportation [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

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.

SR 503 and 67th Avenue provide access to 211th Place NE.

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?

The site is not currently served by public transit. The nearest transit stop is located along 204th St NE, located approximately 1 mile to the southeast and served by Puget Sound Transit.

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).

The proposed project is entirely public roadway improvements.

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

The project will not use or occur in the immediate vicinity of water, rail, or air transportation.

- 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?

N/A, no trips generated.

- 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; there are no agricultural or forest product transportation routes in the vicinity of the site.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

N/A, no impacts.

15. Public Services [Find help answering public service questions](#)

- 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, the proposal would not result in an increased need for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

N/A; there are no anticipated impacts.

16. Utilities [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:

- 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.

No new utilities are proposed, all existing utilities will remain and/or be relocated.

C. Signature [Find help about who should sign](#)

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.

X James Kelly

Type name of signee: James Kelly

Position and agency/organization: Public Works Director/City of Arlington

Date submitted: March 19, 2023