



## SEPA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**File Name:** City of Arlington Commute Trip Reduction Plan  
**File Number:** PLN #1357  
**Applicant:** City of Arlington  
**Location:** City Limits of Arlington  
**Date of Issuance:** May 2, 2025  
**Publication Date:** May 6, 2025  
**Lead Agency:** City of Arlington Community and Economic Development Department  
**Lead Agency Contact:** Amy Rusko, [arusko@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:arusko@arlingtonwa.gov), 360-403-3550

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan for the City of Arlington outlines policies and strategies to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion through employer-based transportation programs that encourage the use of alternatives to single-occupant vehicle trips for commute purposes. This plan as well as previous CTR plans and ordinances has been developed to meet the requirements of the Washington State Commute Trip Reduction Act (RCW 70.94) initially adopted in 1991. In 2015, the Washington State Legislature updated the program to allow greater flexibility at the jurisdiction level to apply transportation demand management (TDM) strategies that better address local conditions. This plan applies to “affected major employers” in the City of Arlington who employ 100 or more full-time employees at a single worksite and who are scheduled to begin their workday on weekdays between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The plan also applies to “voluntary employers” who choose to participate in the program even though they do not meet the criteria to be affected. Building upon the accomplishments of the existing commute trip reduction program, as well as other successful TDM strategies, the plan outlines strategies the City of Arlington, along with other agencies, will implement to assist employers in meeting the goals of the plan.

**HOW TO VIEW THE PROJECT:** The Notices and project documents are available for review on the city’s website at [www.arlingtonwa.gov](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov) under public notices or at the Community and Economic Development Department, located at 18204 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

**SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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 reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City of Arlington. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date published. Comments must be submitted to Lead Agency Contact, [arusko@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:arusko@arlingtonwa.gov) by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Please reference file number PLN #1357.

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Marc Hayes, Director of Community and Economic Development

*Marc Hayes*

SIGNATURE OF SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

May 2, 2025

DATE

**TO APPEAL A DECISION:** An agency or person may appeal the City’s procedural compliance with WAC Chapter 197-11-390(2)(a) for issuance of this DNS. The DNS is appealable per AMC 20.98.210 to the Hearing Examiner within 10 days of the date the DNS is final. An appeal shall be considered filed when a written notice of appeal, specifying the grounds and arguments, therefore, is delivered to the Department of Community and Economic Development by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025, and the appeal fee as set by resolution is paid.