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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of Proposal: 2022 Walla Walla County Annual Construction Program. Non-

project Review of Walla Walla County's proposed one-year road program for 2022. Work will be done on various roads and bridges throughout unincorporated Walla Walla County.

including the following: Mill Creek Road, Middle Waitsburg Road, several flood repair projects, Byrnes Road, Pepper Bridge Road, Wallula Avenue, Lower Waitsburg Road, Fishhook Park Road,

and Paxton Bridge on 3rd.

Proponent: WW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

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WALLA WALLA WA, 99362

Owner: WW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

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WALLA WALLA WA, 99362

Location of Proposal: Projects within this proposal will occur throughout

unincorporated Walla Walla County.

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 review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is based on the project as proposed and reflected in the following:

- Environmental Checklist (SEPA21-011), dated 9/9/2021
- Annual Construction Program, dated 9/27/2021

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2)(a); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen days from the date below. **Comments must be submitted by 1/12/2022.**

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts; or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

Lead Agency: Walla Walla County

Responsible official: Lauren Prentice, Community Development Director

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Issue Date: <u>12/29/2021</u>

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You may appeal this determination, in writing, to the CDD no later than fourteen days from the end of the comment period. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the CDD to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals and obtain details regarding submittals for appeals (including application forms and fees). Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.11 outlines the County's appeal procedure.

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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. 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 [HELP]

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Annual Construction Program 2022

2. Name of applicant:

Walla Walla County Department of Public Works

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

Walla Walla County Department Of Public Works Seth Walker, Chief, Engineering & Construction 990 Navion Lane Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-524-2710

4. Date checklist prepared:

September 8, 2021

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Walla Walla County Community Development

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

Throughout 2022

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

No

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

Applications have been or will be made for JARPA, Department of Fish and Wildlife HPA, Department of Ecology, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, NMFS, FHWA when required. No project will begin unless all approvals are met.

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.

No

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

JARPA, Department of Fish and Wildlife HPA, Nationwide Corps 404 Permit, Approvals from Department of Fish and Wildlife, NMFS, FHWA when required. Determination of Non – Significance and Shoreline Permits (when required).

11. Give 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 size of each project and site location will vary.

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.

A vicinity map will be attached to each SEPA Checklist that is submitted.

B. Environmental Elements [HELP]

1. E	Earth	[help]
a. Ge	eneral	description of the site:
(circle	e one):	Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

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

Varies for each project.

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

Varies for each project.

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.

Varies for each project.

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

Varies for each project.

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

Varies for each project.

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

Varies for each project.

2. Air [help]

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

There may be an increase of dust and exhaust emission during construction. There will be no increase in emissions to the air once project is completed.

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

Permits requirements will be followed. May be temporary increase in emissions caused by construction equipment.

3. Water [help]

- a. Surface Water: [help]
 - 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.

Yes, will vary for each project.

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.

Bridge work may be within and over water.

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.

The amount of fill and dredge material will vary for each project.

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

Temporary diversions may be required for bridge projects.

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

Yes, some projects may lie withing the 100-year floodplain.

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

b. Ground Water: [help]

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 general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: 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.

None

- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
 - 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 from impervious surfaces will flow into swales seeded with native grasses.

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

No

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

No

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

Swales shall be constructed where possible to catch stormwaters. Measures required by permits and State/Federal agencies shall be followed.

4.	Plants [help]										
a.	Check the types of vegetation found on the site:										
	<pre>deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other shrubs y grass y 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</pre>										
This will vary for each project.											
b.	What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?										
	This will vary for each project.										
C.	List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.										
	Will check Threatened and Endangered Plant / USDA site for each project.										
c.	Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:										
	Native grass will be used to seed areas.										
d.	List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.										
	This will vary for each project.										
5.	Animals [help]										
a.	<u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which 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										
	This will vary for each project.										
b. I	List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.										

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Will check Threatened and Endangered Plant / USDA site for each project.

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

This will vary for each project.

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

This will vary for each project.

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

Will check Threatened and Endangered Plant / USDA site for each project.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

a. 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.

None

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

None

c. 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:

None

7. Environmental Health [help]

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.
 - 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Will check Department of Ecology site for each project.

 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

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

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This will be covered for each project in the SPCC Plan.

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

None

b. Noise

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

None

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.

Temporary increase in noise levels from equipment during construction.

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

None

8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

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.

This will vary in each project.

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 as a result 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?

This will vary in each project.

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:
This will vary in each project.
c. Describe any structures on the site.
This will vary in each project.
d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
This will vary in each project.
e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
This will vary in each project.
f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
This will vary in each project.
g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
This will vary in each project.
h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
This will vary in each project.
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:
None
L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
None

i.

j.

k.

L.

m	. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-tern commercial significance, if any:
	None
9.	Housing [help]
a.	Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. $$\mathrm{N/A}$$
b.	Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. $$\mathrm{N/A}$$
C.	Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: $$N/A$$
	D. Aesthetics [help] What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? N/A
b.	What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
	N/A
f.	Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
	N/A
11	. Light and Glare [help]
a.	What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
	None
b.	Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
	No
C.	What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
	None

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

None

12. Recreation [help]

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

This will vary in each project.

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

This will vary in each project.

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

This will vary in each project.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]

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, a Cultural Resource Survey will be done for each project.

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.

This will vary in each project.

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.

This will vary in each project.

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.

This will vary in each project.

14. Transportation [help]

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.

This will vary in each project.

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?

This will vary in each project.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

This will vary in each project.

d. 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).

This will vary in each project.

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

This will vary in each project.

f. 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?

This will vary in each project.

g. 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.

This will vary in each project.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

This will vary in each project.

15. Public Services [help]

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.

This will vary in each project.

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

This will vary in each project.

16	6. Utilities [help]
a.	Circle utilities currently available at the site:
	electricity natural gas water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
	other

This will vary in each project.

g. 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.

This will vary in each project.

C. Signature [HELP]

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.

Signature:	LXXIII
Name of signee	Seth Walker

Position and Agency/Organization Chief Engineering & Construction, Walla Walla County

Department of Public Works

Date Submitted: September 9, 2021

Walla Walla County 2022 Annual Construction Program

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Annual Construction Progra WAC 136-16

(A) TOTAL CONSTRUCTION DONE (total sum of column 13 + column 14): \$6,760,500.00

COMPUTED COUNTY FORCES LIMIT: \$1,275,675.00

(C) TOTAL COUNTY FORCES CONSTRUCTION (total sum of column 14): \$0.00

Date of Environmental Assessment:

Date of Final Adoption:
Ordinance/Resolution Number:

Sep 27, 2021

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Annual	6 Year Road Program Item No.	Project Name		Road Segment Inform: Road Name	mation BMP			Project Length(mi.)	Project Type Code	Environmental Assessment	Sources of Funds			Estimated Expenditures Dollars				
Annual Program			Road #			ЕМР	FFC				County Road Othe		Funds	PE & CE	Right of Way	Construc		Grand Total
Item No.											Funds	Amount	Program Source	(595.10)	(595.20)	Contract	County Forces (All 595)	(All 595)
1	1	Mill Creek Road MP 1.10 To MP 3.96	97330	Road Name: Mill Creek Road From: 1.10 To: 3.96	1.10	3.96	07	2.86	RC	I	\$608,949	\$846,131.00 \$1,794,920.00	STP(R) RAP	\$80,000		\$3,170,000		\$3,250,000
2	2	Pepper Bridge Road MP 0.36 To MP 1.61	50130	Road Name: Pepper Bridge Road From: 0.35 To: 1.60	0.36	1.61	07	1.25	RC	Ĭ	\$830,000	\$950,000.00	STP(R)	\$80,000	\$75,000	\$1,625,000		\$1,780,000
3	3	Wallula Avenue MP 2.00 To MP 2.20	92440	Road Name: Wallula Avenue From: 2.00 To: 2.20	2.00	2.20	16	0.20	RC	I	\$114,772	\$380,000.00 \$240,228.00	HIP(US) STP(US)	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$650,000		\$735,000
4	4	Arch Bridge on Lamar Road, MP 2.64 to MP 2.94	42260	Road Name: Lamar Road From: 2.64 To: 2.94	2.64	2.94	09	0.30	Br	I		\$1,000,000.00	STP(BR)	\$40,000		\$960,000		\$1,000,000
5	5	Abbott Road MP 0.25 to MP 0.50	55700	Road Name: Abbott Road From: 0.25 To: 0.50	0.25	0.50	17	0.25	SW	Ī	\$12,332	\$177,668.00	TIB(SP)	\$17,500		\$172,500		\$190,000
6	6	Byrnes Road MP 1.80 to MP 1.90	17080	Road Name: Byrnes Road From: 1.80 To: 1.90	1.80	1.90	08	0.10	Other	Ī	\$27,500	\$182,500.00	FEMA	\$27,000		\$183,000		\$210,000
7	7	Dell Sharpe Bridge on Pettyjohn Road, MP 5.20 to MP 5.80	39590	Road Name: Pettyjohn Road From: 5.20 To: 5.80	5.20	5.80	07	0.60	Br	I	\$10,000	\$350,000.00	BR	\$260,000	\$100,000			\$360,000
8	8	Lower Waitsburg Road MP 4.23 to MP 6.25	96100	Road Name: Lower Waitsburg Road From: 4.23 To: 6.25	4.23	6.25	07	2.02	RC	Ī	\$31,000	\$54,000.00	RAP	\$25,000	\$60,000			\$85,000
9	9	Seven Mile Road MP 2.30 to MP 2.55	71370	Road Name: Seven Mile Road From: 2.30 To: 2.55	2.30	2.55	09	0.25	Br	I	\$28,250	\$196,750.00	FEMA	\$150,000	\$75,000			\$225,000
10	10	Fishhook Park Road, MP 0.00 to MP 1.40	40310	Road Name: Fishook Road From: 0.00 To: 1.40	0.00	1.40	07	1.40	RC	I	\$17,550	\$112,450.00	STP(R)	\$30,000	\$100,000			\$130,000
11	11	Mill Creek Road MP 6.50 to MP 8.00	97330	Road Name: Mill Creek Road From: 6.50 To: 8.00	6.50	8.00	07	1.50	RC	I	\$8,100	\$51,900.00	Federal Lands Access Program	\$60,000				\$60,000
12	12	Lyons Ferry Road MP 0.20 to MP 2.81	49710	Road Name: Lyons Ferry Road From: 0.20 To: 2.81	0.20	2.81	07	2.61	RC	I	\$6,000	\$54,000.00	RAP	\$60,000				\$60,000
13	13	Paxton Bridge on 3rd Ave S MP 2.35 to MP 2.65	52400	Road Name: 3rd Ave S From: 2.35 To: 2.65	2.35	2.65	19	0.30	Br	I	\$200,000			\$150,000	\$50,000			\$200,000
											\$1,894,453	\$6,3	90,547	\$1,039,500	\$485,000	\$6,760,500	\$0	\$8,285,000