



**PIERCE COUNTY  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Environmental Application No. 771844**

**ACTION:** The Formation of a Transportation Benefit District

**PROPOSAL:** This is a non-project action to establish a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) within unincorporated Pierce County. RCW 36.73 allows counties to form Transportation Benefit Districts and in turn authorizes these districts to establish revenue sources that fund the acquisition and construction of transportation improvement projects within the boundaries of the district. As an independent taxing district, the TBD can impose specific taxes or fees, either through a vote of the electorate or through the district board. The TBD has a range of revenue options that focus on the property tax, sales tax, vehicle license fee, or vehicle tolling.

The TBD governing authority (Pierce County Council) would have the ability to discuss and propose transportation projects and financing mechanisms within and for the District. The listing and financing of projects would be considered in a separate ordinance.

This is a non-project action and does not identify the transportation improvement projects for the TBD, but provides the organizational framework in which projects may be proposed and funded. Site specific environmental review will be conducted for project actions later proposed in the TBD.

**LOCATION:** Within the boundaries of unincorporated Pierce County

**PROPONENT:** Pierce County Public Works and Utilities – Transportation Division

**CONCLUSIONS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:**

The Responsible Official concludes, based on a review of application materials, of the environmental checklist and attachments, and a review of County regulations governing the project, that there will be no probable significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of this project. 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. Pierce County will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue. Comments must be submitted by close of business on the comment deadline date. The Responsible Official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline. No permits may be issued, and the applicant shall not begin work, until the comment deadline has expired and any other necessary permits are issued.



**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Dennis Hanberg  
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**DATE OF ISSUE:** February 27, 2014

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** March 13, 2014

**APPEAL DEADLINE:** March 27, 2014

  
for Dennis Hanberg, Responsible Official

NOTE: Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.075, Section 18D.10.080 of Title 18D, Pierce County Development Regulations-Environmental and Chapter 1.22 of Title 1, General Provisions, decisions of the Responsible Official may be appealed. Appeals are filed with appropriate fees (\$2,900.00) and Notice of Appeal at the Planning and Land Services Department, located at the Development Center in the Public Services Building, 2401 S. 35th St., Suite 2, Tacoma, WA 98409. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Appeals must be filed within 14 days of the date of issue.

NOTE: The issuance of this Determination of Nonsignificance does not constitute project approval. The applicant must comply with all other applicable requirements of Pierce County Departments and other agencies with jurisdiction prior to receiving construction permits.

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