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# DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

**Notice Date: September 28, 2020**

**Description of Proposal:** ***Arterial Atlas proposed amendments*** **(CPZ 2020-00012 Arterial Atlas)** – The proposal is to a*mend the Clark County Comprehensive Plan Arterial Atlas Map to* reclassify certain streets to accommodate bicycle infrastructure and realign planned roads.

**Proponent:** Clark County

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any**: *Clark County, Washington. See map.*

**Lead Agency:** *Clark County, Washington*

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). We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. 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 below.

Comments must be submitted by: October 13, 2020

**Responsible Official:** Ahmad Qayoumi
**Position/title:** Public Works Director
**Address:** **RE: SEPA Comments**
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**Date:** 8/24/2020 **Signature:** Ahmad Qayoumi

The staff contact person and telephone number for any questions on this review is Gary Albrecht, Planner III, (564) 397-4318.

For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office at ADA@clark.wa.gov.

**Appeal process:** All appeals shall be in writing, filed with the responsible official and accompanied by an appellate fee, pursuant to CCC 40.570.080.D SEPA and County Decisions.

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## A. BACKGROUND

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** Clark County Comprehensive Plan Arterial Atlas Map amendment (CPZ2020-00012).

2. **Name of applicant:**
   *Clark County, Washington*

3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person.**
   *Gary Albrecht, Planner III*
   *Clark County Public Works*
   *P.O. Box 9810*
   *Vancouver, WA 98666-9810*
   *(564) 397-4318*

4. **Date checklist prepared:**
   *August 11, 2020*

5. **Agency requesting checklist:**
   *Clark County, WA*

6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**
   *If approved by the Clark County Councilors, the map amendments would become effective in March 2021.*

7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**
   *No, this is a non-project action. Non-project actions are governmental actions involving decisions about policies, plans, or programs containing standards for controlling the use or modifying the environment that will govern a series of actions.*

8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**
   *No, this is a non-project action.*

9. **you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**
   *None, this is a non-project action.*

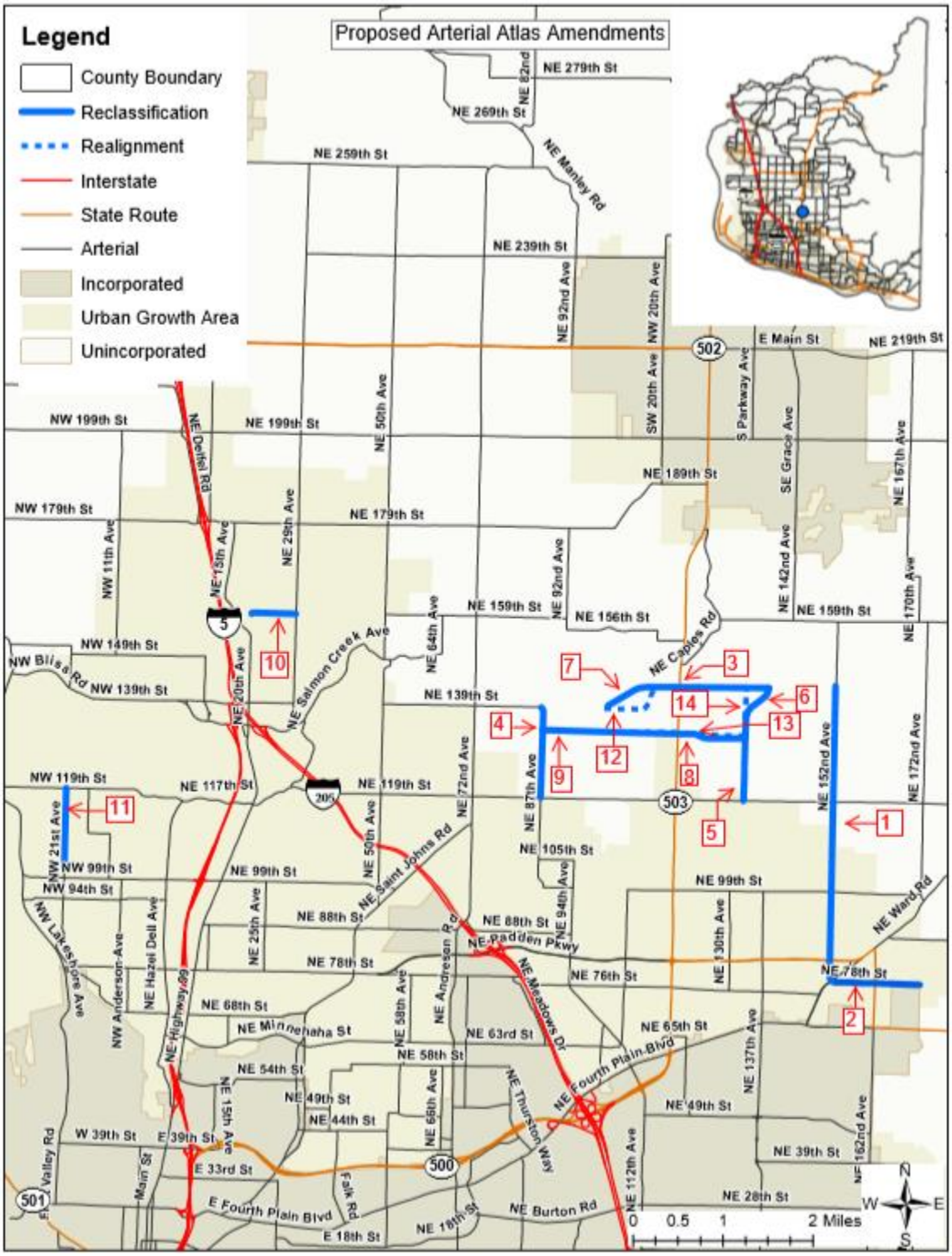
**10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

*None, this is a non-project action.*

***11. This SEPA review is for a non-project action.*** *The proposed amendments to the Clark County Comprehensive Plan Arterial Atlas Map (Figure 1) reclassify certain streets to accommodate bicycle infrastructure and realign planned roads intending to improve transportation mobility options and improve safety, see table below.*

| Proposed Arterial Atlas Map Amendments | | |
|---|---|---|
| **No.** | **Amendment** | **Description** |
| 1 | Reclassify | NE 152nd Ave between NE Ward Rd and slightly north of NE 144th St from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane collector with bike lanes (C-2b) |
| 2 | Reclassify | NE 78th St between NE Ward Rd and NE 172nd Ave from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane collector with bike lanes (C-2b) |
| 3 | Reclassify | NE 144th St between SR 503 and NE 137th Ave from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 4 | Reclassify | NE 87th Ave between NE 119th St and NE 139th St from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 5 | Reclassify | NE 132nd Ave between NE 119th St and approximately NE 137th St from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 6 | Reclassify | Planned NE 132nd Ave between approximately NE 137th St to NE 144th St from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 7 | Reclassify | A planned NE 139th St/NE 144th St road extension between approximately NE 101st Ave and SR 503 from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 8 | Reclassify | A planned NE 134th St road extension between NE Laurin Rd and NE 132nd Ave intersection from a proposed 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 9 | Reclassify | NE 134th St between NE 87th Ave to NE 132nd Ave from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane minor arterial (M-2cb) |
| 10 | Reclassify | NE 159th St between NE 29th Ave and NE 20th Ave from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane collector with bike lanes (C-2b) |
| 11 | Reclassify | NW 21st Ave between NW 101st St and NW 119th St from a 2-lane collector (C-2) to a 2-lane collector with bike lanes (C-2b) |
| 12 | Realign | A planned road extension on NE 139th St at approximately NE 101st Ave, connecting to NE 144th St. at approximately NE 112th Ave, transitioning over the railroad tracks to NE 144th St |
| 13 | Realign | A planned NE 134th St road extension between NE Laurin Rd and NE 132nd Ave intersection to follow parcel lines |
| 14 | Realign | A planned NE 132nd Ave road extension between at approximately NE 137th St to NE 144th St to follow NE 132nd Ave to NE 144th St |

**12. Location of the proposal.** *See map below.*




## B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

### 1. Earth

**a. General description of the site:**

**(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other** *Not applicable.*

b. **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**
*Not applicable.*

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.**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action*

d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**
*Not applicable.*

e. **Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities, and total affected area of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**
*No. This is a non-project action.*

g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**
*None. This is a non-project action.*

h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**
*None. This is a non-project action.*

2. **Air**

a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**
*None, this is a non-project action.*

b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**
*Not applicable. None, this is a non-project action.*

c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

3. **Water**

a. **Surface:**

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.**
*Not applicable.*

2) **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described water? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**
   *No.*
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.**
   *None.*
4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**
   *No.*
5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan.**
   *No*.
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:**
   1) **Will ground water 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. This is a non-project action.*

c. **Water Runoff (including storm water):**
   1) **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.**
      *Not applicable as this is a non-project action.*
   2) **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**
      *Not applicable.*
   3) **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**
      *Not applicable as this is a non-project action.*

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

*Not applicable as this is a non-project action.*

**4. Plants**

**a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site.**

*Not applicable.*

____ 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?**

*None. This is a non-project action.*

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

*None. This is a non-project action.*

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

*None. This is a non-project action.*

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

*None. This is a non-project action.*

**5. Animals**

**a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:**

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

*None. This is a non-project action.*

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

*None.*

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

*No. This is a non-project action.*

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

*None as this is a non-project action*

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

*None.*

6. **Energy and Natural Resources**
   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**
   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.**
      *None.*
      1) **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**
         *Not applicable.*
      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.*
      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.**
         *Not applicable.*
      4) **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**
         *Not applicable.*
      5) **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:**
         *Not applicable.*
   b. **Noise**
      1) **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**
         *Not applicable.*
      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.**
         *Not applicable.*

3) **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:**
*Not applicable.*

8. **Land and Shoreline Use**

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.**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

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?**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

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:**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

c. **Describe any structures on the site.**
*None.*

d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**
*No.*

e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

h. **Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**
*None. This is a non-project action.*

j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**
*None.*

k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**
*No measures are necessary as this is a non-project action.*

l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**
*No measures are necessary as this is a non-project action.*

m. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**
*No measures are necessary as this is a non-project action.*

9. **Housing**
   a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**
   *None as this is a non-project action.*
   b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**
   *None.*
   c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**
   None.

10. **Aesthetics**
   a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**
   *Not applicable.*
   b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**
   *Not applicable.*
   c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**
   *No measures are necessary as this is a non-project action.*

11. **Light and Glare**
   a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**
   *None, this is a non-project action.*
   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?**
   *No applicable.*
   d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**
   *None are proposed for this is a non-project action.*

12. **Recreation**
   a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**
   *None.*
   b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**
   No.

c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**
*None are proposed for this is a non-project action.*

**13. Historic and Cultural Preservation**

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.**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

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.**
*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

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.**
*None, this is a non-project action.*

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.**
*None, this is a non-project action.*

**14. Transportation**

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.**
*None, this is a non-project action.*

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?**
*No.*

c. **How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**
*The non-project action will change the classification of the subject streets to remove motor vehicle parking in the public right-of-way, improve safety for vehicles making turns and reduce injuries to cyclists. The County's Comprehensive Plan Arterial Atlas's primary purpose is to move people and goods, and County code (Clark County Code 40.350.015 C.) provides authority to the County Engineer to add bike lanes.*

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).**

*None, this is a non-project action.*

e. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**
*No.*

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 non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**
*None. This is not applicable for this non-project action.*

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.**
*None proposed as part of this non-project action.*

h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**
*None proposed as part of this non-project action.*

**15. Public Services**

a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? if so, generally describe.**
*No.*

b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**
*None proposed as part of this non-project action.*

**16. Utilities**

a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.**
*Not applicable.*

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**.
*None.*

C. **SIGNATURE**

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: Gary Albrecht

Name of signee Gary Albrecht

Position and Agency/Organization Planner III, Clark County Public Works

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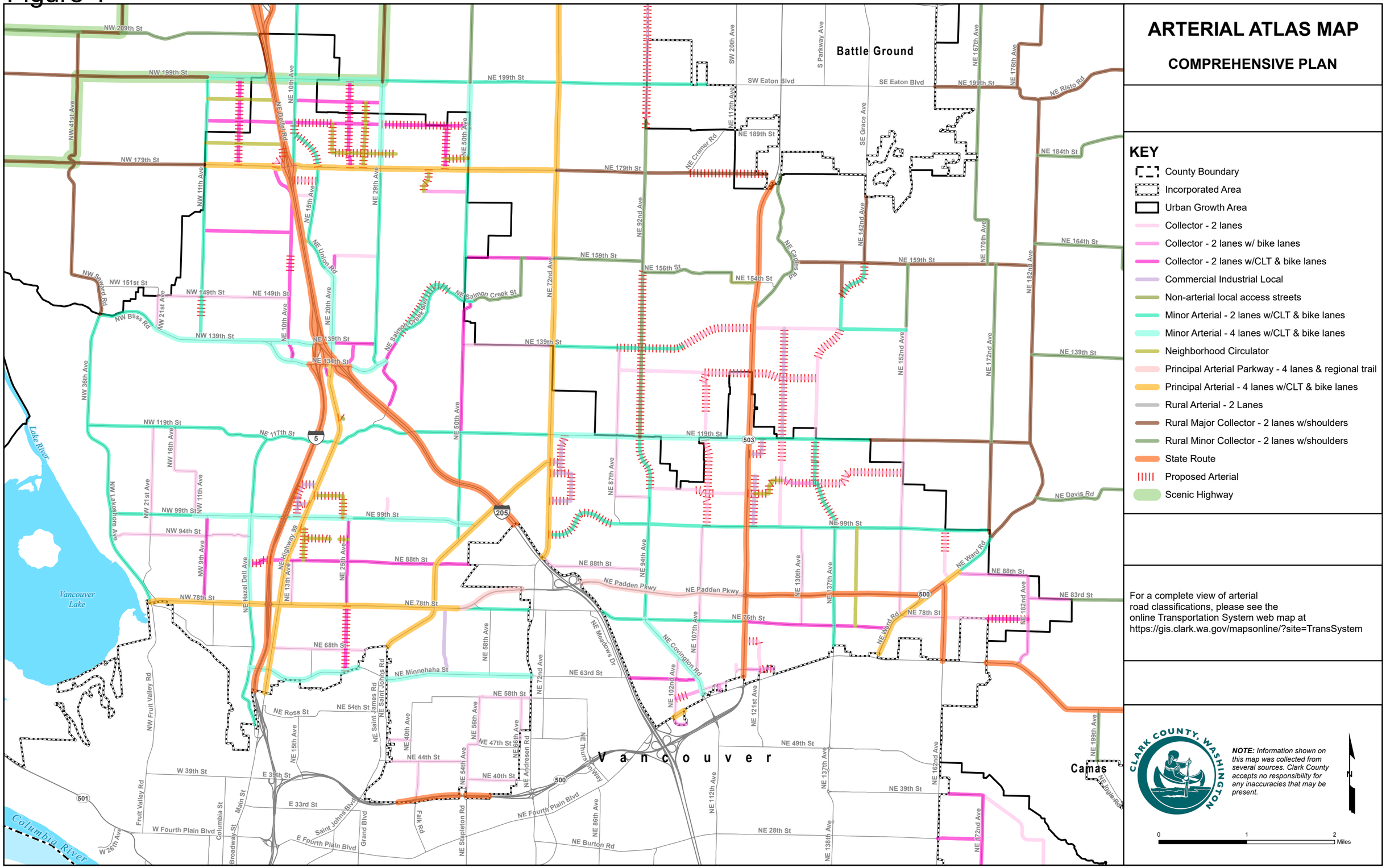
D. **SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS**

Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. **How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**
   *No development is proposed as a part of this map amendment. The proposed map amendments require bike lanes in the reconstruction or new construction of any arterial or collector street when bike lanes are indicated in the Arterial Atlas. A reduction in air emissions is likely as a result of added infrastructure which encourages a person to travel by bike instead of a motor vehicle. It is not related to site-specific development. The proposal would not increase any of the environmental impacts listed above.*
2. **How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?**
   *No development is proposed as a part of this map amendment. The proposal would add requirements of reconstruction or new developments to provide bike lanes, resulting in no impact to plants, animals, fish or marine life.*
3. **How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**
   *No development is proposed as a part of this map amendment. The proposal would add requirements of reconstruction or new developments to provide bike lanes, resulting in no impact to depletion of energy or natural resources.*
4. **How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection: such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**
   *No development is proposed as a part of this map amendment. The proposal would add requirements of reconstruction or new development to provide bike lanes, resulting in no impact to environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection.*
5. **How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**
   *No development is proposed as a part of this map amendment. The proposal would add requirements of reconstruction or new development to provide bike lanes, resulting in no impact to land and shoreline use.*
6. **How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**
   *No development is proposed as a part of this map amendment. The proposal would add requirements of reconstruction or new development to provide bike lanes, improved working conditions for utility and maintenance crews. The proposal could increase the number of people bicycling by adding bicycle infrastructure, which means that drivers can stay in their own lanes without swerving to get around. More space to place bus stops, improving safety for bus riders.*
7. **Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**
   *The proposal would not conflict with local, state or federal laws.*

Figure 1

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