

Council Agenda Bill

AB Number

AB25-102

Agenda Bill Information

Title*

Application for Exemption from SMC 9.36.020 - WSDOT

Action*

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Discussion

Council Meeting Date*

11/10/2025

Staff Member

Hind Ahmed

Department*

Public Works

Committee

Parks and Public Works

Committee Date

11/04/2025

Exhibits

Packet Attachments - if any

X1 - Application for Exemption.pdf	161.27KB
x3 - Noise Buffer Map.pdf	1.47MB
x4 - Anticipated noise levels.pdf	122.85KB
X2 - Vicinity Map.pdf	132.13KB

Summary

Introduction*

Brief summary.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is requesting a temporary noise exemption from the City of Snoqualmie for 4 non-consecutive nights as part of the NWR South Strategic Pavement Preservation Project. This project involves crack sealing and asphalt patching along various highways within the Northwest Region.

Within the City of Snoqualmie, the work will take place along SR 202, from milepost 25.42 to 25.76, near Snoqualmie Falls.

To complete this work during nighttime hours, WSDOT is seeking relief from the requirements of Snoqualmie Municipal Code Chapter 9.36.020(B)(3) by obtaining a noise exemption. The exemption would

allow WSDOT contractors to perform night work on four non-consecutive nights between March 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026

Proposed Motion

Move to approve the exemption with conditions as explained in the Analysis

Background/Overview*

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

This project consists of crack sealing and asphalt patching on highways within Maintenance Areas 4 and 5, including SR 202. WSDOT Northwest Region (NWR) Materials has identified multiple routes in need of strategic preservation before a paving project can be programmed to address deteriorating roadway condition

Work will take place along SR 202 from milepost 25.42 to 25.76. There are no residential areas within 500 feet of the project area. However, one commercial building is located within 300 feet. Please refer to the attached Vicinity Map and Noise Buffer Map for more detail.

The project is scheduled for advertisement at the end of 2025, with a contractor expected to be selected and awarded the contract in early 2026. Exact construction dates will be determined once the contractor is selected and a construction schedule has been finalized.

An exemption is requested for four non-consecutive nights, with lane closures expected on weeknights (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM

Analysis*

Daytime construction-related lane closures on SR 202 could lead to significant delays for the traveling public, disrupt transit operations, and limit access to nearby businesses. In addition, such closures pose safety risks for both construction workers and the public due to increased traffic volumes and congestion during peak hours. Conducting the work at night mitigates these concerns.

WSDOT is committed to reducing the inconvenience felt by those living near this project and will make reasonable efforts to minimize sound levels caused by nighttime work. WSDOT Proposed noise mitigation measures include:

1. All trucks performing export haul shall have well maintained bed liners as inspected and approved by the Engineer.
2. Truck tailgate banging is prohibited. All truck tailgates shall be secured to prevent excessive noise from banging.
3. A copy of noise exemption shall be kept on the project site at all times

To further reduce potential impacts, staff recommends approval of the noise exemption with the following conditions:

- Notify the City of the exact 4 nights of work prior to the start of construction.
- Avoid scheduling work on nights that conflict with local events or high-traffic periods.

- Ensure proactive communication with businesses within the project vicinity.
- Coordinate in advance with City staff to support timely public notifications and outreach.

Budgetary Status*

This action has no budgetary implications.

Budget Summary