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City of Snoqualmie
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RE: Application for Exemption from SMC 9.36.020
NWR South Strategic Pavement Preservation Project XL6747
SR 202 Milepost (MP) 25.42 to MP 25.76

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requests a temporary noise exemption for 4 non-consecutive nights from the City of Snoqualmie for the NWR South Strategic Pavement Preservation project along SR 202. WSDOT is requesting a relief from the requirements of Snoqualmie Municipal Code Chapter 9.36.020(B)(3) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-60-040 through approval of a noise exemption as allowed under WAC 173-60-050, allowing WSDOT contractor(s) to work nights between the inclusive dates of March 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Project Description

This project will provide crack sealing and asphalt patching on highways in Maintenance Areas 4 and 5 covering SR 515, SR 167, SR 161, SR 18, SR 523, SR 520, I-405, SR 202, I-90, and I-5 ramps. NWR Materials has determined that numerous routes require strategic preservation before a paving project can be programmed to address deteriorating roadway conditions.

Specifically for the City of Snoqualmie, this project will occur along SR 202 MP 25.42 to MP 25.76. There are no Class A EDNA or residential areas within 500 feet of the project vicinity. Please see Vicinity Map and Noise Buffer Map attachments.

Project AD date is set for the end of 2025, and a Contractor will be selected and awarded contract by the beginning of 2026. Exact dates of construction cannot be determined until the Contractor is awarded contract and they have developed a construction schedule.

Construction Activities and Equipment

Equipment that may be used includes backhoe/excavator; backup and movement alarm; ground compactor; air compressor; diamond concrete grinder; concrete mixer truck; concrete saw; flatbed truck; generator; jackhammer; joint sealer; light tower; asphalt paving – paver, dump truck, and material transfer vehicle (MTV); concrete paving – texturing, curing machine and pickup truck; power tools – air hose and grinder; roller; vacuum street sweeper; and traffic control equipment such as truck mounted attenuators and portable changeable message signs. Please see attached Construction Equipment Noise Levels.

Justification for Nighttime Work

WSDOT traffic recommends that lane closures be done at night when traffic volumes are low enough to handle closures. Construction related lane closures during the daytime could cause delays to the traveling public, impact bus routes and business access, jeopardize workers' and public safety. Performing work at night will minimize the danger to workers and the traveling public from road closures, detours and traffic delays. In addition, daytime lane closures could backup and adversely impact traffic and city arterials. Therefore, lane closures during the nighttime are necessary for this project.

Traffic Limitations

Lane closures are expected weeknights, Monday to Thursday, from 9 PM to 5 AM.

Proposed Nighttime Noise Mitigation

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. To that end, WSDOT will require the contractor to adhere to the following noise reduction measures:

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.

The construction Project Engineer in charge of administering the contract is:

James Harper P.E.
6431 Corson Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98108
harperj@wsdot.wa.gov
206-768-5601

Should construction activities associated with this project cause noise impacts, we request your help resolving any complaint we may receive by notifying the Project Engineer within 24 hours of occurrence.

We respectfully request that this project be granted exempt category. If you agree, please sign your name on the bottom of this letter and return it by email to amy.oppfelt@wsdot.wa.gov.

Phil Bennett	Date
City of Snoqualmie	
Parks & Public Works Department Director	

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions, please email me at amy.oppfelt@wsdot.wa.gov or call me at (206) 440-4529.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Vicinity Map, Noise Buffer map, Construction Equipment Noise Levels