EXHIBIT 7c

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Brad Medrud, AICP Community Development Director
City of Tumwater
Development Services Department
555 Israel Road Southwest
Tumwater, WA 98501

Dear Brad Medrud:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of non-significance for the Deschutes Valley Trail – Segment C Project (TUM-26-0924) located at 4611 Tumwater Valley Drive Southeast as proposed by City of Tumwater, Transportation and Engineering, Attn: Jared VerHey – Capital Projects Manager. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: Derek Rockett (360) 995-3176

All grading and filling of land must utilize only clean fill. All other materials may be considered solid waste and permit approval may be required from your local jurisdictional health department prior to filling. All removed debris resulting from this project must be disposed of at an approved site. Contact the local jurisdictional health department or Department of Ecology for proper management of these materials.

TOXICS CLEANUP: John Pearch (360) 819-0460

This project is immediately adjacent to a known or suspected contaminated site, known as the Palermo Well Field Superfund Site, FSID # 55237647, CSID# 4616 or U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Site ID WA0000026534. To search and access information concerning this site
see http://www.ecy.wa.gov/fs/ and https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/SiteSearchPage.aspx o r https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=1001761. If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during the proposed SEPA action, testing of the potentially contaminated media may be needed. The Department of Ecology also recommends following additional recommendations by the EPA provided to the City of Tumwater in an email dated February 19, 2026. If contamination of soil or groundwater is readily apparent, or is revealed by sampling, the Department of Ecology must be notified. Contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407-6300 or report any release by using the online statewide environmental incident report (ERTS) form at: https://ecology.wa.gov/footer-pages/report-an-environmental-issue/statewide-reporting-form-erts. For assistance and information about subsequent

cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required, contact John Pearch with the Toxics Cleanup Program at the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 819-0460.

WATER QUALITY/General Permit Unit:
Jacob Neuharth (360) 742-9751

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, excavation, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or storm drains that lead to waters of the state. Discharges must not cause or contribute to a violation of surface water quality standards, groundwater quality standards, sediment management standards, and human health-based criteria. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

If there are known contaminated soils and/or groundwater present on site, additional information will be required to be submitted. Contamination includes sites with known, remediated, or historically contaminated groundwater and/or soil. For contaminated construction sites, contact Evan Wood at evan.wood@ecy.wa.gov, or by phone at (360) 706-4599.

Construction Stormwater General Permit:

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:
1. Clearing, grading, excavation, construction support activity, and other soil disturbing activity that results in the disturbance of one or more acres (including off-site disturbance acreage related to construction-support activity) and discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more and discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, and discharge to surface waters of the State (that is, forest practices that prepare a site for construction activities); and
3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

Some projects may be eligible for coverage under an Erosivity Waiver if they result in the disturbance of under five acres, are not a portion of a common plan of development, and the entire period of construction activity occurs between June 15 – September 15. Additional requirements about the Erosivity Waiver may be found in Section S1.F of the Construction Stormwater General Permit.

Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice. Applicants may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website

at: https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Construction-stormwater-permit.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
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cc: Derek Rockett, SWM
John Pearch, TCP
Jacob Neuharth, WQ