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Sent Via Email

RE: Request for SEPA and Shoreline Permit Exemptions for the Thorp Bridge Renovation Project

Dear Mr. Fredrickson:

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

I am in receipt of your email dated September 27, 2021 requesting SEPA and Shoreline Permit exemptions for the Kittitas County Public Works Thorp Bridge Renovation project. I have reviewed the documentation submitted, and have made the following determinations:

SEPA

According to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-800, the repair, remodeling, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, and equipment - including transportation facilities involving no material expansions or changes in use beyond that previously existing - shall be categorically exempt from SEPA requirements. As proposed, the roadway would be reconstructed to an as-built condition that existed prior to erosion, with no changes in use to the previously existing conditions. Therefore, the project is exempt from SEPA review.

Shoreline Development Permit

While it appears that this project would be exempt from shoreline permitting requirements, KCC 17B.07.030(3)(b) requires that any person claiming an exemption from a shoreline substantial development permit shall submit an application in manner prescribed by the Shoreline Administrator. A Shoreline Exemption application will need to be submitted to CDS.

Please let me know if you have questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Johnston
Community Development Services Planning Official

CC: Mark Cook, P.E., Kittitas County Public Works Director