



Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

US Army Corps of Engineers

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Federal Permit Coordinator

Public Notice Date: April 15, 2015 Expiration Date: May 15, 2015

Reference No.: NWS-2014-0610-DOT Name: City of Fife; I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated April 3, 2015.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: City of Fife

Attention: Mr. Ken Gill 3725 Pacific Highway East Fife, Washington 98424 Telephone: (253) 922-9315

AGENT: Widener and Associates

Attention: Mr. Ross Widener 10108 32nd Avenue West, Suite D Everett, Washington 98204 Telephone: (425) 348-3059

LOCATION: In wetlands at the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington.

<u>WORK</u>: The City of Fife proposes to reconfigure the existing Interstate 5 (I-5)/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange. Interchange improvements would result in permanent fill to 7.34 acres of Ecology rated Category III and 1.61 acres of Category IV, depressional, palustrine emergent wetlands. Temporary impacts would occur to 0.54 acre of Category III and 0.03 acre of Category IV wetland. All temporary wetland impacts would be restored on-site and planted with native emergents and shrubs.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: Improve safety and truck mobility between the Port of Tacoma and I-5.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If issued, this permit would be valid for 5 years.

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<u>MITIGATION</u>: To mitigate for the impacts, the City of Fife has created and enhanced two wetland mitigation areas along Wapato Creek (Corps Reference Number NWS-2014-1000-DOT). The mitigation would be constructed 3 years in advance of the proposed impacts. Mitigation includes creating 7.13 acres and enhancing 4.36 acres of wetland and creating 0.53 acre of stream.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as the lead agency for ESA consultation, has reviewed the project as required under Section 7 of the ESA. They have determined that the project will have no effect on proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. The FHWA, as the lead agency for a determination regarding EFH, has determined that the project will have no adverse effect to EFH species.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The FHWA, as the lead agency for determining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes as appropriate.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

<u>EVALUATION</u> – <u>CORPS</u>: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or Tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.

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SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL: The source of the fill material will be imported from a commercial source.

<u>EVALUATION</u> – <u>ECOLOGY</u>: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or Tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: This proposal is outside of the Shorelines Management Act jurisdiction.

<u>COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD</u>: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

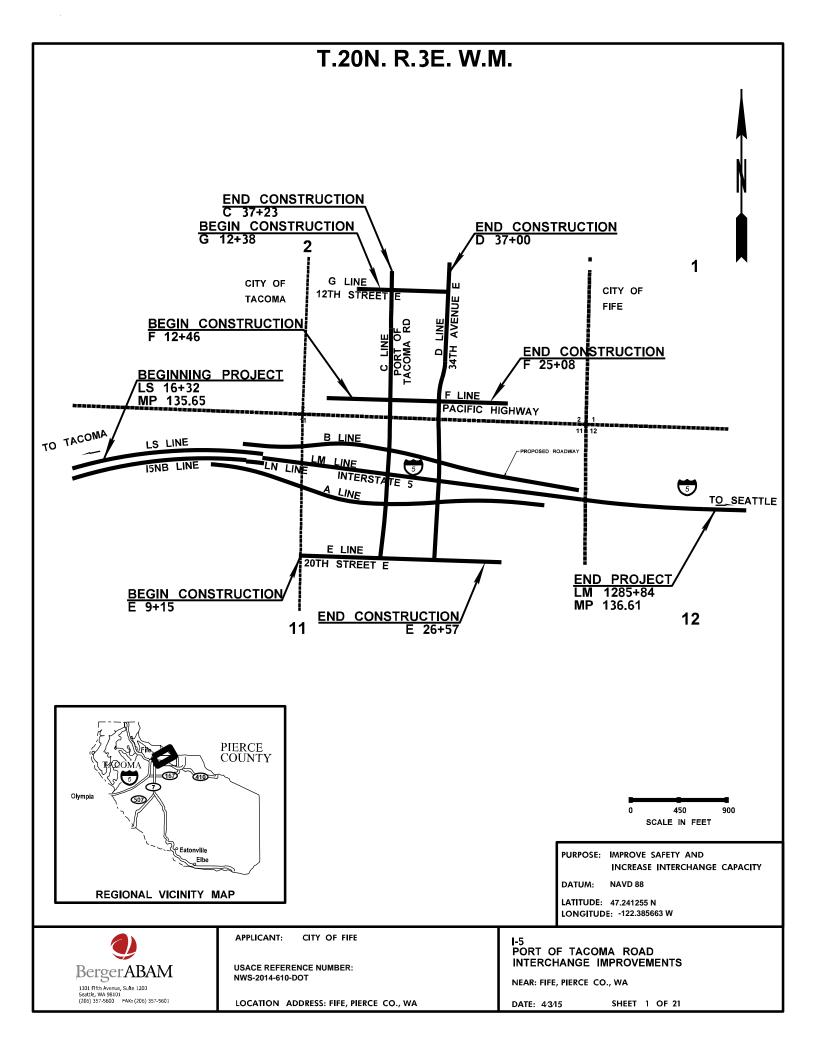
Copies of this public notice which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately communicates the scope of project impacts. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle District's web page at http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/ and under the heading Open Public Comment Periods select Regulatory Public Notices. Recently-issued public notices are listed in chronological order of the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

<u>CORPS COMMENTS</u>: All e-mail comments should be sent to sandra.l.manning@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Ms. Sandra Manning, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: City of Fife, I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange; NWS-2014-0610-DOT.

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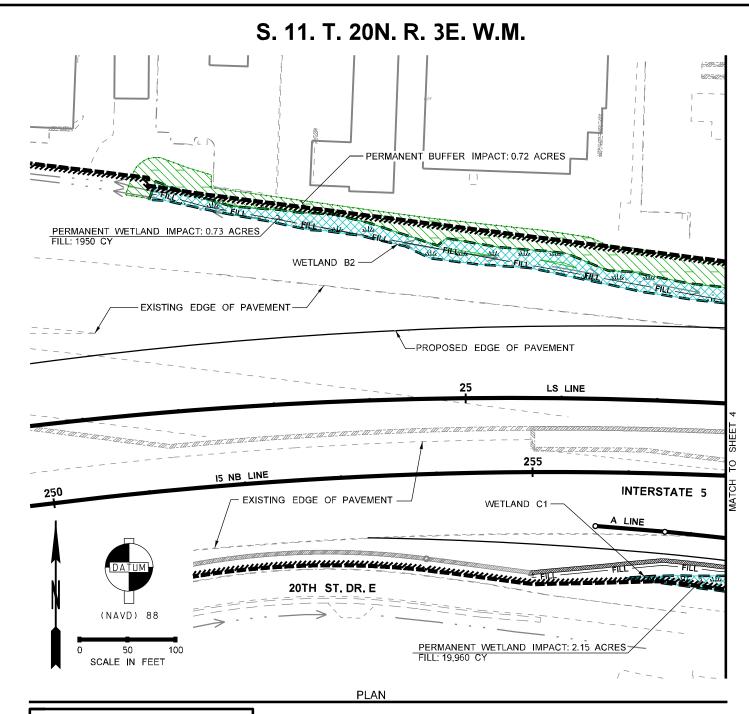
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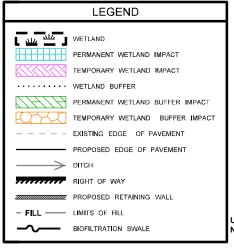
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WETLAND AL	IV	1.00 ACRE	0.88 ACRE	0.01 ACRE	1.43 ACRE	0.01 ACRE
WETLAND AM	III	4.15 ACRE	2.33 ACRE	0.13 ACRE	0.14 ACRE	0.01 ACRE
WETLAND B	III	0.99 ACRE	0.99 ACRE	0.00 ACRE	0.30 ACRE	0.00 ACRE
WETLAND B2	IV	1.39 ACRE	0.73 ACRE	0.02 ACRE	0.72 ACRE	0.01 ACRE
WETLAND C1	III	5.46 ACRE	2.15 ACRE	0.23 ACRE	0.42 ACRE	0.04 ACRE
WETLAND C2	III	1.81 ACRE	1.09 ACRE	0.06 ACRE	1.18 ACRE	0.03 ACRE
WETLAND D1	III	1.73 ACRE	0.38 ACRE	0.12 ACRE	0.42 ACRE	0.08 ACRE

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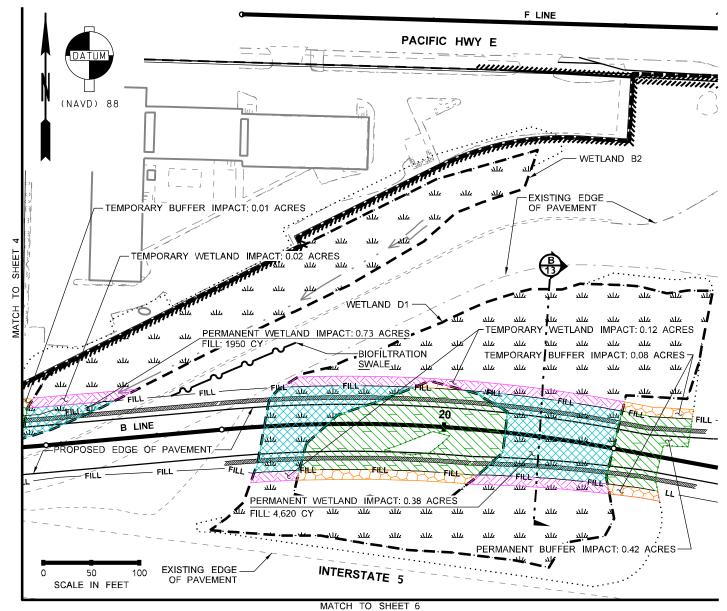
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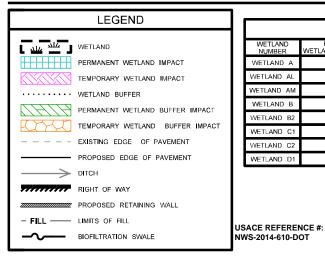
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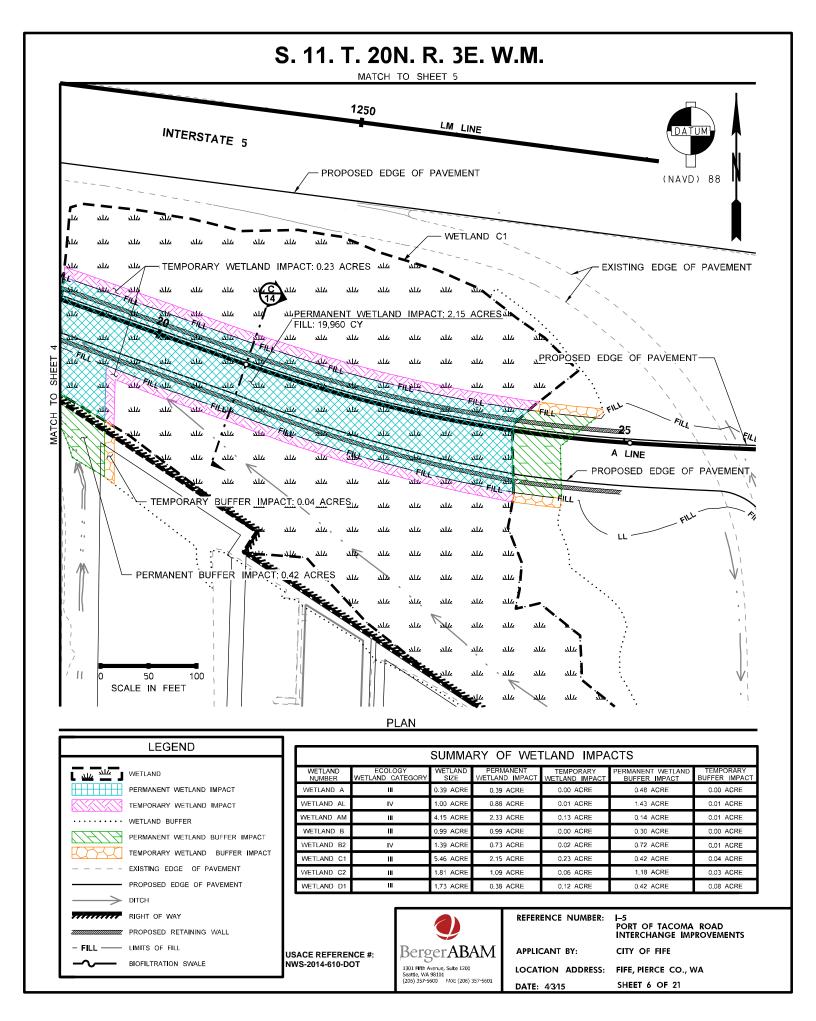
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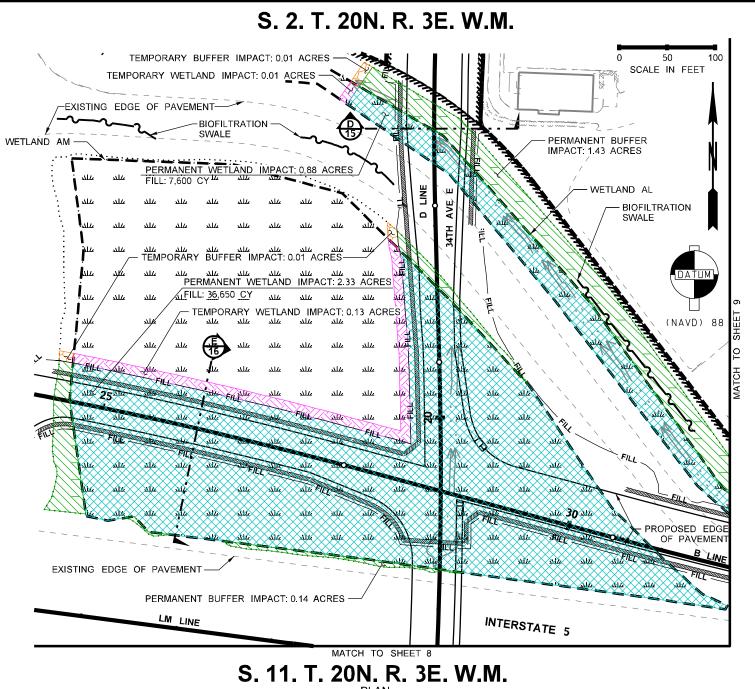
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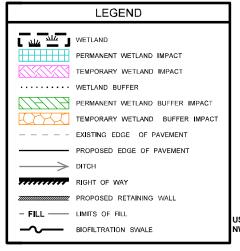
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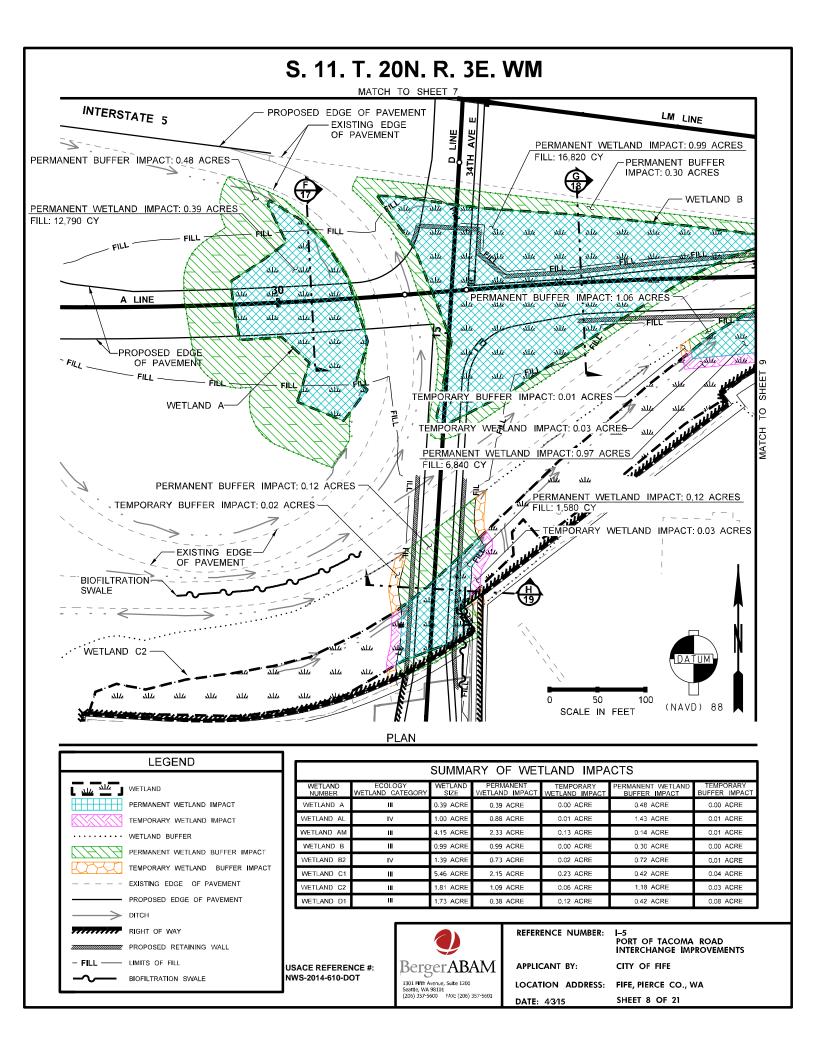
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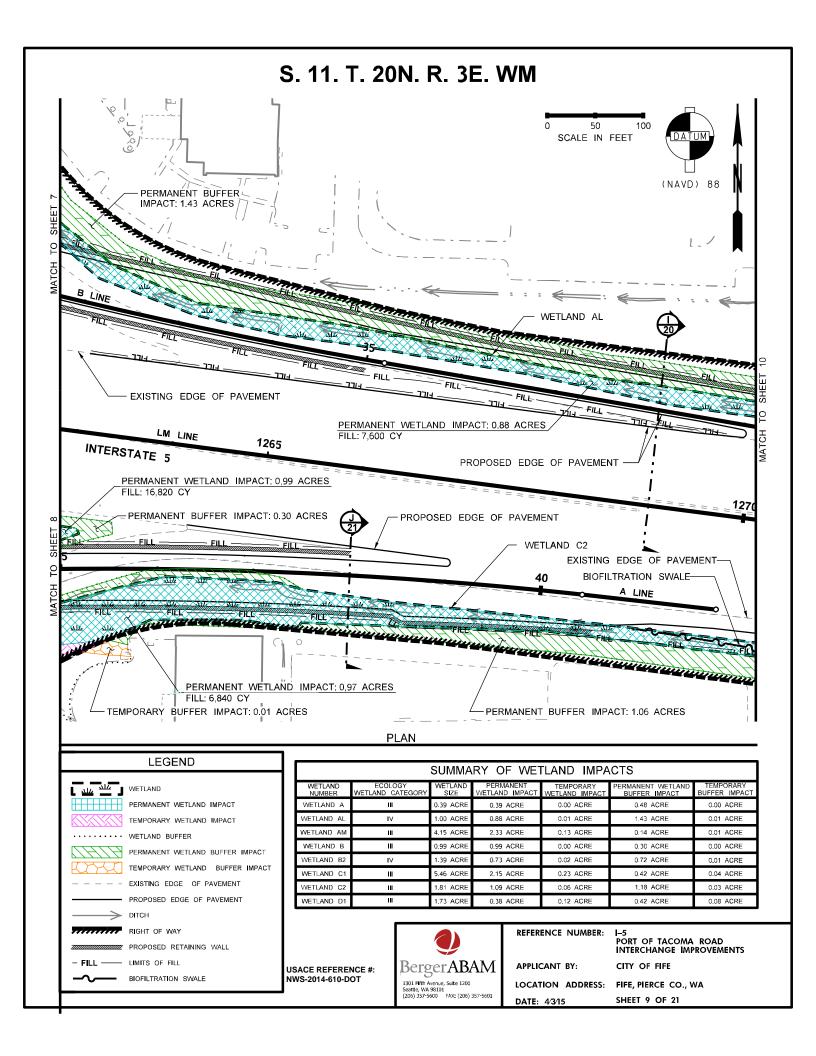
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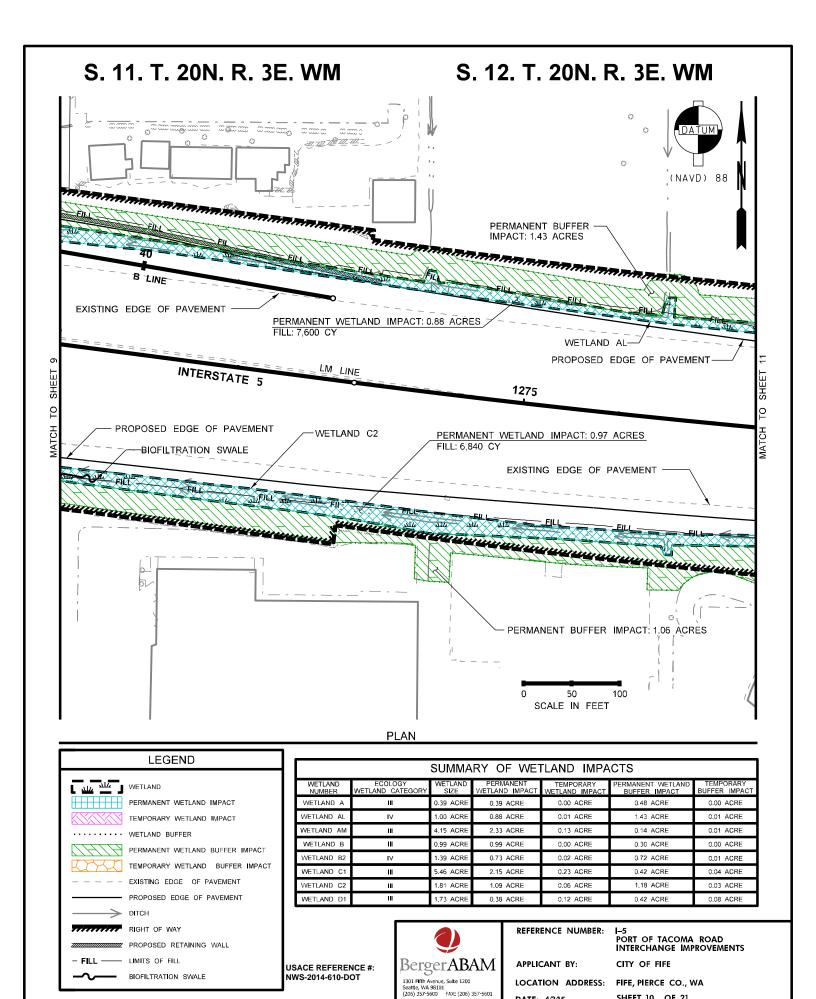
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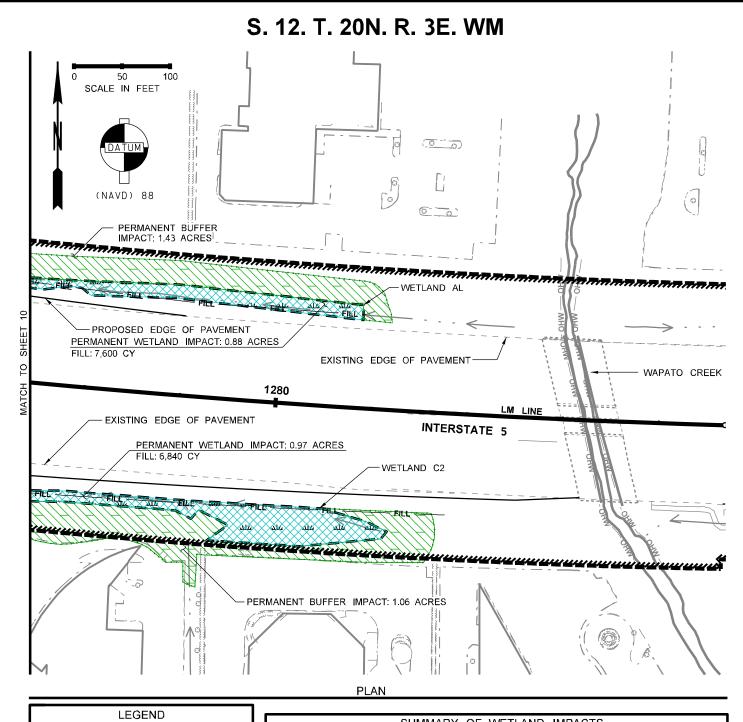


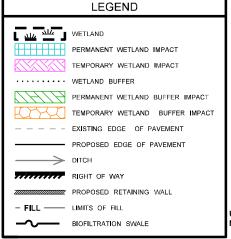




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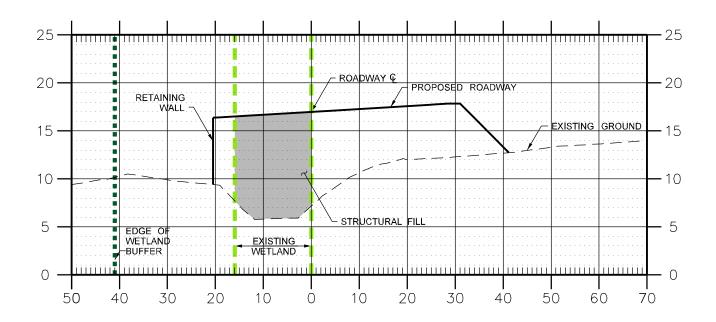
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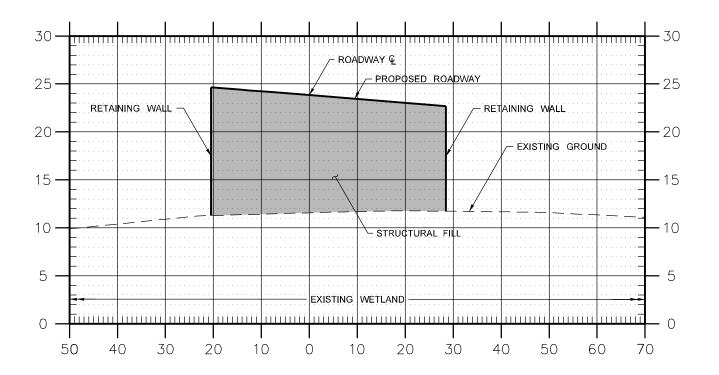


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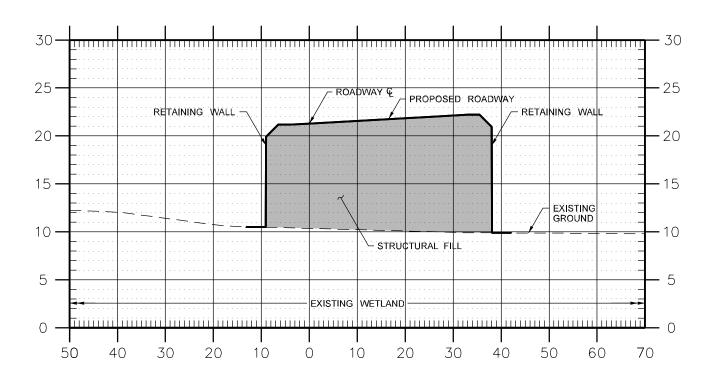
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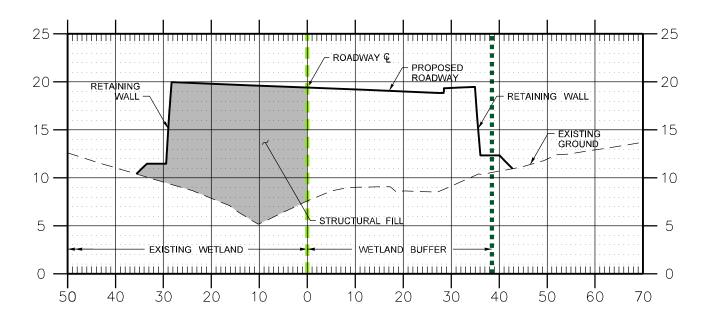


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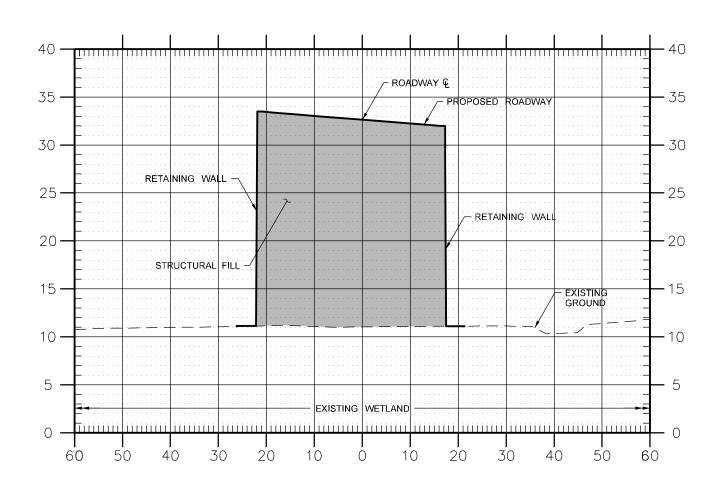
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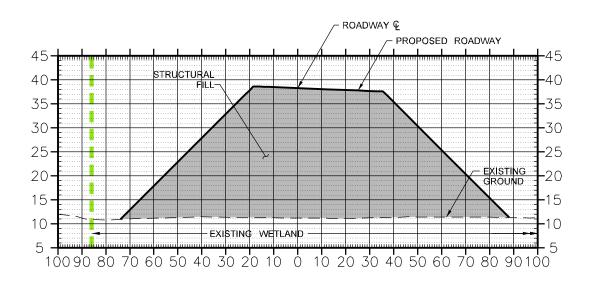
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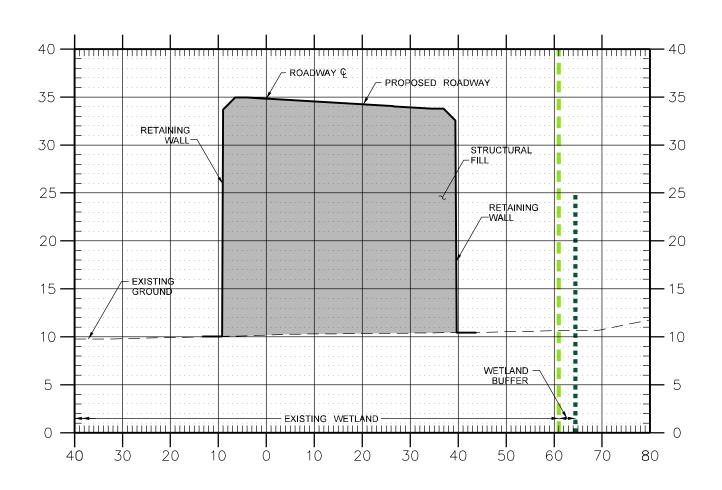
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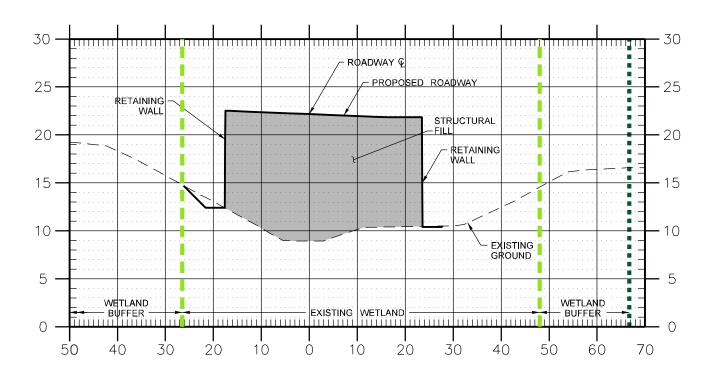
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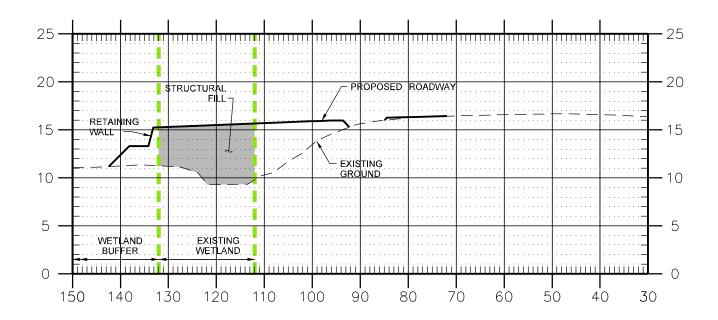
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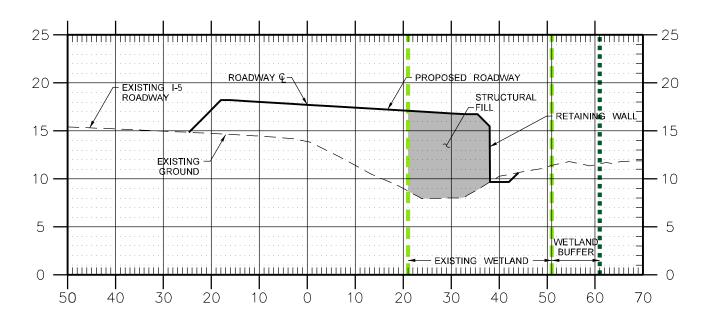


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