

COUNCIL NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION

(Via Email)

DATE: September 17, 2021
TO: County Council Via
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
Elena Lao, Assistant Clerk of the Council
FROM: Ryan Peterson, Transportation Specialist, Public Works
SUBJECT: Adoption of Amendments to the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS)

Rulemaking Action: On August 20, 2021, the Department of Public Works (DPW), pursuant to Snohomish County Code (SCC) 30.82.030 (Rulemaking), proposed amendments to Chapters 1, 3, and 8 of the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS).

Pursuant to SCC 30.82.040, DPW is adopting those amendments to Chapters 1, 3, and 8 of the EDDS as generally described below.

General Summary of Amendments:

1. Add the AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures to the list of general references in Section 1-07.B.
2. Amend Section 3-01.B.3 to define the maximum separation requirement between public roads in terms of an approximate range instead of a fixed distance. Add language that clarifies when the County Engineer may grant exceptions to the separation requirements.
3. Amend Section 3-05.B to allow a professional engineer to prepare – and submit for the Engineer’s review/approval - a site specific roadway surfacing design for a private road, in-lieu of being required to design to the standards for a public road.
4. Amend and expand upon Section 8-05.C.1 to clarify the paving limits for full-width pavement overlays and establish the conditions under which a half-width, or a lane-width overlay, will be allowed instead of a full-width overlay.

Comments: Thirteen comments from four entities were received in response to the “Public Notice of Proposed Rule Making Action” dated August 20, 2021. Most of the comments were recommendations for additional modifications to the pavement restoration requirements in EDDS Section 8-05.C or for new definitions of some of the terms in EDDS. The county will consider the recommendations for future EDDS updates.

Three of the comments led to changes to the proposed amendments as noted in the Decision section of this notice, below.

Decision: Pursuant to SCC 30.82.040(1), the amendments proposed in the Public Notice of Proposed Rule Making Action dated August 20, 2021, are adopted with the following changes made:

1. The reference to the AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures is placed in the General references Section 1-07.B instead of the Specific references section of 1-07.A as proposed.
2. Section 3-05.B allows a professional engineer to prepare and submit pavement designs in-lieu of the requirement that a geotechnical engineer prepare and submit the pavement design as was proposed.
3. Figure 8-5 is edited so that what is illustrated better conforms to the written description of the paving limits for lane width overlays in Section 8-05.C.1.ix.d.

Effective Date: The adopted EDDS amendments take effect on September 17, 2021.

To learn more about the proposed amendments:

- Refer to the EDDS web page at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/492/Design-Standards-EDDS>, or
- Contact Ryan Peterson by email at ryan.peterson@snoco.org, or by mail at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 607, Everett, WA 98201.

Request for County Council Review: Pursuant to SCC 30.82.065, interested persons may request a review of the adopted rules by the County Council within 120 days of rule adoption. A request for Council review should be sent to the County Council at contact.council@snoco.org or mailed to the Snohomish County Council at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201, and copy emailed or mailed to the contact person above.

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Attachments:

- Adopted EDDS Amendments