

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Adopt School District Capital Facilities Plans (CFPs)

2. Name of applicant:

City of Black Diamond

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

October 23, 2023

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Black Diamond

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

The Comprehensive Plan Amendments are anticipated to be adopted by City Council on November 16, 2023.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The Comprehensive Plan can be updated annually, particularly to amend Capital Facility Plans concerning public schools. Any new or expanded schools would go through additional environmental review specific to the development proposal.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

This SEPA Checklist and associated Determination of Non-Significance was prepared for the proposal. Any future development proposals will undergo additional environmental review when project details are known to be further analyzed.

- 9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

This is a non-project action and does not in itself affect specific property. The city has had pre-application meetings with the Enumclaw School District about possible expansion of the Black Diamond Elementary School; however, there are no applications pending at this time with any of the school districts.

- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

As a non-project document, the 2023 Capital Facilities Plans are not subject to permitting and only requires a Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Adoption by the City Council to incorporate school districts CFPs within the City of Black Diamond's Capital Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan will occur after the SEPA comment period.

- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

The City of Black Diamond has four school districts: Auburn, Enumclaw, Kent, and Tahoma. School districts are responsible for developing their own Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) to project student enrollment rates, establish levels of service, inventory current facilities, identify future needs, and establish a budget for meeting those needs. Having the current CFPs of each school district in the comprehensive plan is an important aspect of the city having the authority to collect the school impact fees. School impact fees are collected by the City on each school district's behalf. These documents are adopted by reference into the City's Comprehensive Plan in Chapter 8 - Capital Facilities and Utilities, Section 8.8 – Public Schools. The adopted comprehensive plan currently references previous year's CFPs and needs to be updated to reflect the most current versions.

This is a non-project action that is area-wide in nature. No new construction or school development is proposed at this time.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any applications related to this checklist.**

The Comprehensive Plan Amendments apply to the entire City of Black Diamond, WA. The City is located in King County, WA in Sections 2-4, 10-15, 22-23 & 27, Township 21 North, Range 06E, W.M.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Generally, areas of the City have steep slopes, hills, and flat lands. Specific topographic characteristics of sites will be identified during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Slopes would be assessed at the time of a site-specific development.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Soils vary across the city and will be evaluated during project-level environmental review.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. The City does regulate geologic hazards including areas of potential erosion and landslide hazard areas. Future development would be subject to sensitive area and stormwater regulations.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

This is non-project action. Future school projects will be subject to the City's sensitive areas regulations and clearing and grading permits associated with civil engineering, as well as site specific environmental review.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of development. All sites will be stabilized during construction and monitoring points will be established consistent with the City of Black Diamond's Stormwater Management regulations and the Black Diamond Municipal Code (BDMC).

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

This is a non-project action. The city has existing impervious areas limitations that vary by zone. New school projects will be required to comply with applicable development standards, including impervious surface requirements, in effect at the time of project development and permit review. Any impacts will be further reviewed prior to development.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application as part of the erosion control plan review.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. It will not have specific air quality impacts. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Federal, state, regional, and local laws address air quality standards, construction requirements, and policies and targets to reduce emissions over time. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:**

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. The city has sites with wetlands, streams, and shoreline critical areas. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. No construction would be authorized under these comprehensive plan amendments. Any future projects that occur within the vicinity of

any regulated water body is subject to City critical area and shoreline regulations. City authorization requires determination of potential impacts on critical areas and appropriate mitigation.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application. Any future fill activity will need to meet the regulations and standards of the City's sensitive areas regulations and will be subject to stormwater and erosion control standards.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

This is a non-project with no site-specific development. If such actions were proposed in future projects, development applications will be evaluated for conformance to applicable federal, state, and local regulations in effect at the time of submittal.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

This is a non-project with no site-specific development. Portions of the City lay within the 100-year floodplain. This will be assessed prior to future projects; development applications will be evaluated for conformance to applicable federal, state, and local regulations in effect at the time of submittal.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

This is a non-project with no site-specific development. Discharge of waste materials and associated volume to surface waters will be evaluated with future development proposals.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and is not site specific. Any new school development that occurs will be connected to municipal water sources.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. New construction associated with school development must be connected to sewer rather than septic systems.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action. Future development will add impervious areas. All development will be subject to stormwater standards and regulations.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application to address specific impacts. Please see supplemental sheet for non-project actions.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. New projects are subject to applicable storm water regulations in effect at the time of application and drainage review will be required to be analyzed off-site.

- 4) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects within Black Diamond must comply with applicable requirements of Federal, State, and local laws. These regulations serve to mitigate impacts to water.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☐ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☐ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☐ shrubs
- ☐ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- ☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ other types of vegetation

A variety of vegetation is found throughout the city: trees, shrubs, grass, wetlands/riparian areas. Site specific vegetation will be reviewed with any future development application.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Removal of vegetation may be subject to replacement and/or mitigation measures.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application, including tree retention and sensitive area protections.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be required to obtain all relevant permits and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application.

5. *Animals*

- a. **List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

Examples include:

- i. birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- ii. mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- iii. fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. There are many bird species that pass through the city, as well as resident mammals and fish. BDMC Title 19 contains regulations to protect birds, fish, and mammals, including their habitats.

- b. **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. An investigation of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species on the web database will be conducted during project and site-specific environmental review.

- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

This region is part of the Pacific Flyway, a migration route for birds. More details will be provided on site-specific development proposals.

- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Activity within Black Diamond must conform to applicable Federal and State law regarding impacts to threatened or endangered species.

- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. More details will be provided on site-specific development proposals.

6. *Energy and Natural Resources*

- a. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Energy evaluations will be reviewed as part of future building permits under the regulations in effect at the time of application.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. New construction must comply with the Washington State Energy Code, as adopted by the City.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Proposed school development will be subject to City zoning for allowable uses and activities, and City codes for handling hazardous materials as well as State and Federal hazardous materials regulations.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Also see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-project actions.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Existing hazardous chemicals/conditions would be evaluated on a site-specific basis at the time of project-specific environmental review.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time**

during the operating life of the project.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. This would be further evaluated with a development proposal.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. In general, Black Diamond receives noise from sources that include SR-169, arterial streets, and noise associated with the residential, commercial, and other uses within the City.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future development and associated activity will be subject to applicable noise standards outlined in the BDMC. New school facilities could generate additional noise and increased traffic, which will be evaluated with a project development application and environmental review at that time.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects in Black Diamond must conform to State and local regulations for environmental noise. New buildings must conform to building and energy code requirements which help to attenuate noise for building occupants.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. A variety of parks, trails, and open space uses are located throughout the city that exist next to a variety of uses.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Various properties in the City of Black Diamond may have been used as farmland or forest land in the past and will be further evaluated at time of development application.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development; however, the likelihood of this is very low.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

This is a non-project action. Future development sites may or may not include existing structures.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

There are a variety of zoning classifications throughout the City. Site-specific zoning information will be identified during project-specific environmental review as appropriate.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This is a non-project action. There are a variety of comprehensive plan designations throughout the city to be further evaluated at time of development application on a specific site.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A – This is a non-project action. Shoreline designations vary in the city and include: Natural; Urban Conservancy; Shoreline Residential; Shoreline Residential-Limited.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Sensitive areas may be present, including wetlands, streams, habitat conservation areas, water bodies, geologically hazardous areas, landslide hazard areas, erosion hazard areas, mine hazard areas, seismic hazard areas, and/or sensitive aquifer recharge areas.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. This information would be further analyzed as part of the development application and reported to King County for growth target data.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Mitigation measures will be reviewed with site-specific development proposals.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. It is not anticipated that future school development would provide housing units.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

N/A – This is a non-project with no site-specific development intended to provide policy direction for new school development. Housing impacts are not anticipated but will be addressed as part of a new development proposal.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Future projects will be built to development standards and design regulations in effect at the time of project permitting and adhere to height regulations.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. No specific changes that impact views are anticipated; however, new buildings could obstruct views. Aesthetic impacts will be determined during project-specific environmental review.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. New construction for school facilities must comply with applicable design guidelines in effect at the time of project permitting.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Development applications will evaluate light or glare potential from future proposals at the time of application.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Creating a safety hazard is not anticipated with any future development of school properties.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Regulations that will apply to future development include BDMC 18.70 addressing lighting/ dark sky, as well as any design standards in effect at the time of project permitting.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Nearby recreational facilities will be evaluated at the time of development proposal. New school facilities may enhance recreational opportunities and uses.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Existing recreational facilities will be evaluated at the time of development proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Recreational facilities will be evaluated at the time of development proposal; school development typically includes associated recreational uses on site.

13. *Historic and cultural preservation*

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. As development occurs and is subject to SEPA review, cultural resources will be evaluated. An inventory of listed or eligible sites is available at the State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Potential impacts to landmarks, features, or Native American occupied sites, if any, would be considered at time of application. The State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation identifies the potential for cultural resources through an online map (WISAARD). A Notice of Application would be provided to various state and local agencies for comment.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Public notice of land use actions are sent to area tribes and the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Public notice of land use actions are sent to area tribes and DAHP. New construction must comply with applicable Federal and State requirements regarding historic and cultural resources.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development or site plans. The city is served by a network of state, local roads, and highways. Impacts to public rights-of-way will be addressed during project-specific development and environmental review.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. The city is served by King County Transit; however, the school districts provide bus transportation to students in the respective districts attending its schools.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Parking associated with future projects will be reviewed during project permitting and will be subject to development regulations in effect at the time of application.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. The city's overall transportation needs will be reviewed as part of its Transportation Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, and Comprehensive Plan update. Typically, frontage improvements will be required with new development.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. The city is not located near rail or air transportation; however, boats and watercrafts operate on Lake Sawyer but are not expected to be impacted by future school projects.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

N/A – This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development. Transportation modeling and traffic impacts associated with future development proposals will be analyzed as part of a development proposal.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action that covers the entire city and does not include site-specific development; however, no such impact is expected with future development.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

N/A – This is a non-project with no-site-specific development. At a planning and project level, the City applies several policies, rules, and standards that will be utilized at the time of project review.

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project with no site-specific development and no measures are needed. Future growth would be achieved according to the level of service goals of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Capital Facilities Plan. It's anticipated that an

increased need in public services would occur with school sites and would be evaluated with a specific development application.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

This is a non-project with no site-specific development; therefore, no measures are needed.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____

This is a non-project with no-site-specific development. It is anticipated that new development will have utilities typically available in an urban growth area.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

This is a non-project with no-site-specific development. Utility needs will be identified during project-specific environmental review when appropriate.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Name of signee: Mona Davis.....

Position and Agency/Organization: Community Development Director, City of Black Diamond ...

Date Submitted: October 23, 2023

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposal is a non-project action with no associated development. The purpose of the Capital Facilities Plan is to provide an overview of projected student enrollment growth and school capacities, including planned facilities, over a six-year planning period to address future growth and development. To that extent, the future development and/or renovation of school facilities may involve environmental impacts. Additional impervious surfaces such as buildings, play structures, parking lots, play surfaces and sidewalks could increase stormwater runoff. Emissions to air could be impacted due to cars and buses accessing the site as well as the buildings heating (HVAC) systems and emergency generators. The development and renovations could increase the school capacity and thus increase the production of noise due to more students and school-related activities on site. The production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances is not anticipated in schools.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Any future development will be subject to the City regulations for drainage, air emissions, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, and noise. Title 8 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code (BDMC) provides specific regulations related to noise control, and toxic or hazardous substances; Title 14 BDMC provides regulations for water quality and stormwater management.

Depending on application scope for future uses within the amendment areas, the City may require the applicant to evaluate project emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; and noise impacts. Stormwater-related impacts will be mitigated through City's most recently adopted Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW) from Department of Ecology and may be subject to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirements.

Further environmental review would be required and evaluated with a SEPA checklist and threshold determination during project review, which could include mitigation measures to address any impacts.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposal is a non-project action adoption of School District Capital Facility Plans that will have no effect on plants, animals, fish or marine life. Future development is planned under the Capital Facilities Plans. Title 19 BDMC governs the protection and uses allowed within sensitive areas and their buffers. These standards include management practices deemed by the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Washington State Department of Commerce to incorporate Best Available Science. The City's Sensitive Areas Code (Chapter 19.10 BDMC) requires applicants proposing to develop sites containing or adjacent to critical areas have a qualified professional submit a sensitive area report for City review and approval. The protection of plants, animals, fish, and marine life will not diminish or change under this proposal. Future projects may require clearing of plants and a loss to animal habitat, which would be addressed in more detail during project-specific environmental review.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Development proposals will be required to comply with the standards found in Chapter 19.10 BDMC (Sensitive Areas), Chapter 19.08 BDMC (Shoreline Master Program), and Chapter 19.30 BDMC (Tree Preservation), in order to protect or conserve plants, animals, and fish. The city will require landscape plans (including the inventory of significant trees) and critical areas reports to support project-level SEPA environmental review for proposals as required under Title 18 BDMC. Further, land clearing and grading is regulated by the city to minimize aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat loss caused by the removal of vegetation per Chapter 15.28 BDMC.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposal is a non-project action adoption of School District Capital Facility Plans that will have no effect on energy or natural resources. The construction planned under the development review will require the consumption of energy.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

The retention of significant trees and minimizing native vegetation loss is required within the City of Black Diamond, which aids in the conservation of natural resources. The City of Black Diamond has also adopted a suite of building codes to aid in the conservation of energy and resources. These include:

- International Building Code (IBC) w/ Washington Amendments
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

- International Residential Building Code (IRC w/ Washington Amendments)
- Washington State Energy Code-Residential & Commercial
- International Mechanical Code (IMC w/ Washington Amendments)
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- International Fire Code (IFC) w/ Washington Amendments
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72 National Fire Alarm Code and NFPA 13, 13R & 13D: Standards for the installation of fire suppression (sprinkler systems)
- ICC A117.1-2009 Accessible & Usable Buildings & Facilities
- Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
- NCSBCS/ANSI A225.1-1994 Manufactured Home Installations
- International Property Management Code (IPMC), limited sections

Any future development proposal would be constructed in accordance with applicable energy efficiency standards.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The proposal is a non-project action adoption of School District Capital Facility Plans that will have no effect on environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection. Future development is planned under the Capital Facilities Plans with separate permit requirements. Title 19 BDMC governs the protection and uses allowed within sensitive areas and their buffers. These standards include management practices deemed by the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Washington State Department of Commerce to incorporate Best Available Science. The City's Sensitive Areas Code (Chapter 19.10 BDMC) requires applicants proposing to develop sites containing or adjacent to critical areas have a qualified professional submit a sensitive area report for City review and approval. The protection of sensitive areas or areas designated for protection will not diminish or change under this proposal.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Impacts to sensitive areas will not increase as a result of the proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan will not alter how Chapter 19.10 BDMC (Sensitive Areas), Chapter 19.08 BDMC (Shoreline Master Program), and Chapter 19.30 BDMC (Tree Preservation), are applied to sites to protect or conserve plants, animals, floodplains, and critical areas. In fact, these resources are more likely to be protected with development review and identification of the sensitive area boundaries with appropriate protection and mitigation measures put in place.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Amending the comprehensive plan to adopt the updated School District Capital Facility Plans (CFPs) will have no direct effects on land and shoreline use. Development that is planned in the CFPs will only be permitted in accordance with the City's future land use map and zoning map and applicable development standards which regulate compatibility with land and shoreline uses.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Impacts to adjacent land uses will be mitigated by the City's development standards (Title 18 BDMC). This includes bulk regulations (setbacks, height, lot coverage, and density), as well as landscaping and parking lot screening to aid in diminishing impacts on adjacent properties. The FLUM and Zoning Map were analyzed for compatibility with surrounding land uses to address significant land use impacts that could occur with future development of school projects in 2021 and will be further evaluated with the 2024 Periodic Update.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The Capital Facilities Plan is a non-project planning document and, as such, does not itself create new demands for transportation. New school facilities planned in the CFPs will likely increase car and bus traffic to the proposed sites during the school year and during school hours, depending on the existing site use. Public services and utilities are available, or can be extended at the applicant's expense, to accommodate future development. The construction of a new facility may result in minor increases in the demand for public services, such as fire and police protection. None of these impacts are likely to be significant and would be further addressed during project-level environmental review.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Future site-specific development applications will be subject to SEPA environmental review and applicable studies to meet code requirements. Depending on the size of the project, traffic impact analyses may be required to evaluate the impacts associated with development proposals, as determined by the city. Traffic impacts and concurrency will be required consistent with the BDMC and may also require mitigation measures.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) will not conflict with any laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Specific project proposals included in the CFP will be reviewed under project-level environmental review requirements. The proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan do not conflict with any local, state, or federal laws relating to the

protection of the environment and will comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA) for necessary public facilities and services. The Capital Facilities Plan satisfies the requirements of RCW 36.70A.070 to identify additional school facilities necessary to meet the educational needs of the growing student populations anticipated by the school districts. Future project specific development applications will be subject to SEPA environmental review and code regulations in place at the time of application.