

SEPA¹ 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.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Myra Road South Extension - SR125 to Taumarson Road

2. Name of applicant:

City of Walla Walla

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

September 24, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Walla Walla

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

Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2025 and be completed by June 2026.

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

No.

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

- Cultural Resources report

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.

None known.

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

NPDES General Construction Permit

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

- 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 Walla Walla plans to extend Myra Road to the south from State Route 125 (SR125) to Taumarson Road in the city of Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington. The proposed work includes the installation of utilities, including water main lines, sanitary sewer, storm system, and stormwater management facilities; four roundabouts; illumination; signing; traffic signal removal; combined bike/pedestrian sidewalks; and landscaping with irrigation. Improvements to the roadway will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- 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 permit applications related to this checklist.**

The proposed project is located from SE Commercial Drive/Twin Creek Place to Taumarson Road in the City of Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington; within Township 7 North, Range 36 East, Section 31. The new extension of Myra Road will be from State Route 125 (SR125) to Taumarson Road.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](#)

- a. General description of the site:**

The site includes an existing public roadway and an agricultural field.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

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

4.72%

- 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**

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

The site primarily consists of the following soil types:

- Ahtanum silt loam
- Hermiston silt loam
- Pedigo silt loam
- Touchet silt loam
- Walla Walla silt loam
- Walla Walla silt loam, hardpan variant
- Yakima gravelly silt loam

These soils include a mix of silt loams and gravelly silt loams.

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

No.

- 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.**

Excavation and backfill will be required for the installation of the sanitary sewer and storm system utilities. Grading will be required to achieve the design elevations for the roadway and remove any irregularities prior to surfacing. Overall, 20,500 CY over 290,400 SF of cut and 6,400 CY over 111,740 SF of fill will be required to complete the project.

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

The project activities may increase the potential for erosion. Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control plans will be implemented throughout the construction period to mitigate potential erosion.

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

<15%

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

Best Management Practices, such as a project-specific Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) plan, have been prepared and will be implemented for the duration of construction activities.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

- 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.**

Carbon emissions may be generated due to construction machinery and workers driving to and from the job site.

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

There are no off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect this proposal.

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

To reduce carbon emissions, machinery will be turned off when not in use.

The contractor will control dust with appropriate methods, including—but not limited to—watering, until the site has been paved or stabilized with permanent vegetation.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)⁵

- a. **Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions](#)⁶

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.**

Stone Creek crosses under SE Myra Road approximately 100 feet northwest of the northern project terminus. It flows into the Walla Walla River, which discharges into the Columbia River.

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.**

Yes, the project will involve work within 200 feet of Stone Creek. Detailed plans are attached.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

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.

N/A

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

No

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

No

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.

No

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions⁷](#)

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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No.

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.

No waste material will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other surfaces.

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

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.**

Stormwater runoff from the roadway will be collected and treated by the proposed stormwater system prior to disposal. Treatment facilities include Bioinfiltration swales, which will be used for the majority of the project to treat stormwater prior to infiltration or discharge into existing roadside ditches that convey stormwater runoff to Stone Creek. In areas where bioinfiltration swales are not feasible pre-treatment manhole structures will be used in tandem with in-situ soils to meet treatment requirements for infiltration according to Underground Injection Control (UIC) requirements.

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

No discharge of waste materials to ground or surface waters is proposed. BMPs such as Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control (TESC), Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans will be implemented during construction to prevent any unintended discharges.

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

Existing drainage patterns will be maintained. The proposed stormwater system will treat stormwater runoff generated by the new roadway extension before being infiltrated on site or routed to existing roadside ditches that currently drain to Stone Creek

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

A TESC plan will be implemented to prevent construction water runoff. Prior to construction, a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan will be prepared to address potential spills and hazardous materials, detailing roles, responsibilities, and response protocols.

BMPs such as Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control (TESC), Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans will be implemented during construction to manage water in the project area. No drainage pattern impacts are proposed.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

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

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

The main vegetation impacts are in the extension area from SR125 to Taumarson Road, which primarily consists of grass with only a few trees just south of SR125. Some landscaped areas will also be affected.

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

There are no threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

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

Vegetation will be preserved to the extent possible by marking the clearing limits with high-visibility flags and/or fencing. Temporarily disturbed areas will be fully restored when work is complete. Permanent impacts will be mitigated through the proposed landscaping plan, which includes native vegetation such as Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*) and a native seed mix. An automatic irrigation system will be provided to ensure the success and maturation of the proposed plants.

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

None observed.

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions](#)⁸

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

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, **other:** Ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, **other:**
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, bull trout, herring, shellfish, **other:**

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

None.

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

The site is part of the Pacific Flyway route along with the majority of Washington state.

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

N/A

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

None

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)⁹

- 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.

The project will require petroleum oil and gasoline to operate vehicles and equipment during construction.

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

The project will not affect potential solar energy use by adjacent properties.

- 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.

N/A

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

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

None

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

None known or suspected.

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.**

None known or suspected.

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.**

Petroleum products for construction equipment.

4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

None.

5. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

BMPs such as Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control (TESC), Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans will be implemented during construction.

b. Noise

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

The primary source of noise in the area is traffic from SR125, which will not impact the project.

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)?**

Temporary noise generated by heavy equipment during construction and permanent traffic noise in the extension area from SR125 to Taumarson Road.

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

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

Construction noise will be limited to hours of 7 AM to 10 PM, as feasible and practicable. Equipment will be shut off when not in use.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

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.

The site consists of an existing public roadway and a vacant field. Adjacent Properties are primarily residential buildings with a small commercial area northeast of Myra Road, north of SR125. No changes to land use on nearby or adjacent properties are proposed.

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 because 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?

No resource lands have been designated in the Comprehensive Plan in the project area. Approximately 6 acres of previous farmland will be converted to roadway. However, the agricultural land has already been characterized by surrounding urban growth.

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

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The existing Myra Road.

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

No.

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

Highway Commercial and Neighborhood Residential

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

Commercial and Residential

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

N/A

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

The project is aligned with current and future land use regulations as stated in the Comprehensive Plan.

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

The project is in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan and applicable zoning.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

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

None.

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

None.

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

N/A. No housing impacts are proposed.

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

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

Luminaires are the only proposed structures; they have been designed to be consistent with surrounding aesthetics.

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

No views will be altered or obstructed by this project.

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

None. The proposed changes are consistent with the surrounding aesthetics of the UGA.

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

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

The proposal will produce light from street illumination, and other roadway lighting associated with the extension of Myra Road. This lighting will primarily occur during nighttime hours to ensure visibility and safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. The lighting will be concentrated around the newly constructed roundabouts, intersections, pedestrian sidewalks, and bicycle lanes.

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

No

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

None

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

None

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

None.

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

No.

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

The project will provide enhanced recreational opportunities by incorporating multi-use bike/pedestrian facilities on both sides of Myra Road, promoting safe and accessible options for walking and cycling. These improvements will encourage active transportation and outdoor activities in the community.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- 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.**

No.

- 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.**

The Cultural Resources Report dated May 17, 2024, and field investigations, which included a pedestrian survey and excavation of 25 shovel tests, found no pre-contact archaeological resources or previously unrecorded historic-period archaeological resources within the project area. The historic-period site 45WW328 was re-identified, but it was previously determined to be not eligible for listing in the NRHP. SHPO concurred with the findings and recommendations of the Cultural Resources Report on June 5, 2024. No cultural resources will be impacted by the proposed project.

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

- 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.**

The assessment of potential impacts on cultural and historic resources included:

- A records review using WISAARD data.
 - A pedestrian survey and excavation of 25 shovel tests within the project area.
 - Consultation of the WISAARD predictive model for archaeological resources.
 - Review of historical maps and GIS data to identify nearby historical sites.
 - A Cultural Resource Report (May 17, 2024) concluded that no additional cultural resource work is needed. If archaeological resources are discovered during construction, work should halt, and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) should be notified.
- 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.**

An inadvertent discovery plan will be implemented.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- 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.**

The project area is served by SE Commercial Drive, Myra Road, State Route 125 (SR125), Highland Road, and Taumarson Road. The proposed Myra Road extension will connect SE Commercial Drive to Taumarson Road, providing improved access to these existing streets. The access will integrate with the current street system.

- 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?**

Yes, public bus service is available 0.4 miles northeast of the northern terminus of the project area at Dalles Military Road and Fort Walla Walla.

- c. **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).**

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

Yes, the proposal includes extending Myra Road and improving existing crossroads. The project will add new roadway segments, four roundabouts, and multi-use bike/pedestrian facilities on both sides of Myra Road. These improvements are public and will enhance connectivity and transportation facilities in the area.

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

No

- e. 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?**

The project is a road project and, on its own, does not generate any trips.

- f. 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.**

The proposed roadway extension is anticipated to improve traffic movement through Walla Walla for all travelers, including agricultural and forest product transporters.

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

A Temporary Traffic Control Plan has been prepared to facilitate movement during construction. It includes provisions for advance signing, a detour, and portable changeable message signs to inform the traveling public. The public and local businesses will be notified prior to the commencement of construction to ensure smooth traffic flow and minimize disruptions.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- 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.**

No.

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

N/A

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

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

- Electricity
- Natural Gas
- Water
- Refuse Service
- Telephone
- Sanitary Sewer

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.**

The proposed project will involve the following utilities:

- **Water Main Lines:** Installation of new water main lines will be carried out to provide adequate water supply to the area. The City of Walla Walla will be the provider for these lines.
- **Fire Hydrants:** New fire hydrants will be installed to enhance fire protection services. These will be connected to the new water main lines.
- **Sanitary Sewer Lines:** New sanitary sewer lines will be installed to handle wastewater. The City of Walla Walla will oversee the sewer infrastructure.
- **Stormwater Management Facilities:** These facilities will manage and direct stormwater runoff, including the installation of drainage systems and retention basins.
- **Joint Utility Trench:** A joint utility trench will be constructed to accommodate the installation of additional services, including power, gas, and fiber utilities.

General construction activities include trenching and excavation for utility installation, followed by the placement of utility lines and associated infrastructure.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)¹⁹

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.

X 

Type name of signee: Ross Widener

Position and agency/organization: Environmental Consultant; Widener & Associates

Date submitted: September 24, 2024

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)²⁰

Do not use this section 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?**

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

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

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

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

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

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

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?

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

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?

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

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

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

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