



**Transportation Services**

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To: All Interested Parties

RE: Rhodes Lake Road Corridor Study –  
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

The Pierce County Department of Public Works and Utilities and the Environmental Official have issued the Rhodes Lake Road Corridor Study- Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS). This document provides information on alternative transportation corridors and anticipated environmental impacts. This FEIS responds to the Pierce County Council Resolution (R2001-80) directing the County Engineer to study the establishment of a new County road in the "vicinity of Rhodes Lake Road East from SR 162 to 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to ease traffic congestion and provide for an adequate, efficient, and safe roadway for public use".

Pierce County issued a "Determination of Significance" for this project in 2004 requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The County issued the Draft Programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in June 2007. This FEIS responds to the questions and comments generated in the course of the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement's review period.

There are a number of important issues addressed within this FEIS. Aside from providing direct responses to public comment on the DEIS, this document also elaborates on certain key issues such as proposed improvements on SR 162, the potential for a variation on an additional Orting alignment, and considerations that may be taken in mitigating the impact of a new corridor through design and other measures.

A Final FEIS is an appealable action, pursuant to Title 18D of the Pierce County Code. Appeals may be filed until 4:30 p.m., January 25, 2008, at the Pierce County Development Center, Planning and Land Services, 2401 S. 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98409. Appeal forms are available at the Development Center. The fee for an appeal is \$1,323.

For more information on this project you can contact Jesse Hamashima, Transportation Planning Supervisor, at (253) 798-2760. More information on this project is also available on our website found at [www.piercecountywa.org/rlrfs](http://www.piercecountywa.org/rlrfs). I thank you in advance for interest in this important document.

Sincerely,

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