

PLANNING DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION
FROM CRITICAL AREAS REGULATIONS
EVALUATION FORM & DECISION

DATE: 6/22/2014

PROJECT NAME: Central Renton Sewer Interceptor Reline & Upsize
Critical Areas Exemption

PROJECT NUMBER: LUA14-000968, ECF, CAR

PROJECT MANAGER: Kris Sorensen, Associate Planner

OWNER/APPLICANT: City of Renton, Wastewater Utility
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PROJECT LOCATION: Right-of-way of N 4th St between Houser Way N and
Sunset Blvd N.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

City of Renton proposes a sewer interceptor reline and upsize within existing improved and unimproved right-of-way. The right-of-way area is approximately 46,000 sf. The project would replace and upsize 122 linear feet of existing 12-inch concrete sewer pipe with 24-inch PVC pipe and rehabilitate 559 linear feet of 24-inch concrete pipe using cured-in-place pipe. The work area includes BNSF railroad area and a steep slope where the right-of-way is not improved of approximately 40 percent slope over 20 feet, between the flat area along Sunset Blvd N at the east and the lower BNSF railroad tracks at the west. Pipe upsizing would occur within the steep slope area.

CRITICAL AREA: Geological Hazard – Protected Slope

EXEMPTION JUSTIFICATION: Pursuant to RMC4-3-050.C. "e.ii" & "g.ii", of the Critical Areas Regulations is hereby granted:

X	<p>g. Maintenance and Construction – Existing Uses and Facilities</p> <p>ii. Maintenance and Repair – Any Existing Public or Private Use: Normal and routine maintenance and repair of any existing public or private uses and facilities where no alteration of the critical area and required buffer or additional fill materials will be placed. The use of heavy construction equipment shall be limited to utilities and public agencies that require this type of equipment for normal and routine maintenance and repair of existing utility or public structures and rights-of-way. In every case, critical area and required buffer impacts shall be minimized and disturbed areas shall be restored during and immediately after the use of construction equipment.</p>
X	<p>e. Roads, Parks, Public and Private Utilities</p> <p>ii. New Trails, Existing Parks, Trails, Roads, Facilities, and Utilities – Maintenance, Operation, Repair, and the Construction of New Trails: Normal and routine maintenance, operation and repair of existing parks and trails or the construction of new trails, streets, roads, rights-of-way and associated appurtenances, facilities and utilities where no alteration or additional fill materials will be placed other than the minimum alteration and/or fill needed to restore those facilities or to construct new trails to meet established safety standards. The use of heavy construction equipment shall be limited to utilities and public agencies that require this type of equipment for normal and routine maintenance and repair of existing utility structures and rights-of-way. In every case, critical area and required buffer impacts shall be minimized and disturbed areas shall be restored during and immediately after the use of construction equipment.</p>

FINDINGS: The proposed development is consistent with the following findings pursuant to RMC section 4-3-050C.5:

1. The activity is not prohibited by this or any other chapter of the RMC or state or federal law or regulation.
2. The activity will be conducted using best management practices as specified by industry standards or applicable Federal agencies or scientific principles if submitted plans are followed and the conditions of approval of this exemption are met.
3. Impacts will be minimized and disturbed areas will be immediately restored, if submitted plans are followed and the conditions of approval of this exemption are met.

DECISION: An exemption from the critical areas regulations is **approved** for upsizing and installation of 24-inch wide sewer pipe within the protected slope area of the N 4th St right-of-way.

DATE OF DECISION ON LAND USE ACTION:

SIGNATURE:



Jennifer Henning, AICP, Planning Director
Department of Community & Economic Development

8/22/2014

Date

The above land use decision will become final if the decision is not appealed within the 14-day appeal period (RCW 43.21.C.075(3); WAC 197-11-680).

APPEALS: An appeal of this administrative land use decision must be filed in writing together with the required fee to the City of Renton Hearing Examiner, City of Renton, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, on or before 5:00 p.m., on 9/5/, 2014. RMC 4-8-110 governs appeals to the Hearing Examiner and additional information regarding the appeal process may be obtained from the Renton City Clerk's Office, (425) 430-6510.

RECONSIDERATION: Within 14 days of the decision date, any party may request that the decision be reopened by the approval body. The approval body may modify his decision if material evidence not readily discoverable prior to the original decision is found or if he finds there was misrepresentation of fact. After review of the reconsideration request, if the approval body finds sufficient evidence to amend the original decision, there will be no further extension of the appeal period. Any person wishing to take further action must file a formal appeal within the 14-day appeal time frame.

EXPIRATION: Five (5) years from the date of decision 8/22, 2014.