

WAC 197-11-970 DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
US 97 / WHITCOMB AVE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Description of proposal:

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- Add street trees and planter areas
- Potentially add gateway features at north and south ends of the project
- Potentially add landscape/art features at 4 locations within the project area

Proponent: City of Tonasket

Location of proposal:

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The project is generally located within Township 37N, Range 27E, Section 16

Lead Agency: City of Tonasket

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

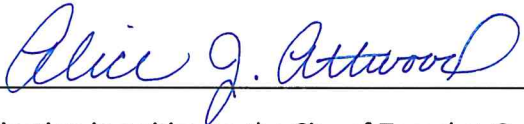
This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

X This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of publication (3/2/2023). Comments must be submitted by 3/16/2023.

Responsible official: Alice Attwood

Position/title: Clerk-Treasurer **Phone:** (509) 486-2132

Address: 209 S Whitcomb Ave, Tonasket, WA 98855

Date 2-22-23 **Signature** 

You may appeal this determination in writing to the City of Tonasket Council at 209 S Whitcomb Ave, Tonasket, WA 98855 no later than **3/16/2023** (14 days from the date of this publication). Only specific, factual objections will be accepted.

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 [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

US 97 / Whitcomb Ave Downtown Corridor Redevelopment Project

2. Name of applicant:

City of Tonasket

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

**Alice Attwood
(509) 486-2132
209 S Whitcomb Ave
Tonasket, WA 98855**

4. Date checklist prepared:

2/9/2023

5. Agency requesting checklist:

**Washington State Department of Ecology
Washington State Department of Commerce – CDBG Program
The City of Tonasket
Okanogan County**

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

Project design during the winter of 2022-2023. Phase 1 construction estimated for summer of 2023. Phase 2 and 3 construction estimated for summer of 2024.

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.

A Cultural Resource Survey and report was prepared for construction activities related to the proposed project. The City is currently contracted with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to develop an Oral History Report to address potential impacts to historic properties during construction. The City will complete SERP and NEPA environmental processes in addition to this SEPA checklist.

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.

Yes, the City is working with various funding agencies including CDBG, Department of Ecology, USDA Rural Development, and WSDOT. The City has several pending grant and loan applications for the project.

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

Project, plans and specifications are subject to Ecology and WSDOT approval and the NEPA Environmental Review is subject to RD approval. The City will include an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) in the contract documents. The City will issue a Shorelines Exemption for work within the shorelines jurisdiction of Bonaparte Creek. The project is also dependent on approval of grant and loan requests from the various funding partners.

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.)

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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.

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B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

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

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

Approximately 3-15% (per NRCS Soils Map)

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.

According to the USDA NRCS Soils Maps for the City of Tonasket, soil types in the project area consist of Cashmont sandy loam and Cashmere fine sandy loam.

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.

Roadway excavation of the highway throughout the project area includes removal of the top 18 inches of HMA and base (8,150 cu. yd.). The road surface will be replaced with 10" thick cement treated base, 2-in thick top coarse, and 5-in thick hot mix asphalt. Trenches for stormwater, sewer, and water mains and services will be backfilled with native soil and pipe bedding material. Excavation for utilities will have excavation depths between 6 – 18 ft deep.

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

No.

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

The project area is approximately 90-95% impervious surfaces. The project will not add new impervious surfaces. The project replaces existing impervious surfaces including the US 97 / Whitcomb Ave road surface from 7th St to Delicious St and replaces existing sidewalks, driveways, approaches, etc within the APE.

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

The contractor will be required to provide temporary measures during construction if necessary for erosion control. Long term erosion is not expected after appropriate grading occurs at the end of the construction process.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

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.

Temporary air emissions include dust and exhaust emissions typically associated with construction activities. Control measures will be required during construction. There will be no emissions when the project is completed.

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

No.

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

The contractor will be responsible for implementing best management practices during construction to reduce dust and exhaust emissions in compliance with current WAC standards for fugitive dust emissions.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

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.

Yes. Project location is in the vicinity of the Okanogan River and Bonaparte Creek that flows into the Okanogan 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, portions of the project will occur within 200 feet of Bonaparte Creek. Work within 200 feet of Bonaparte Creek includes replacement of the road surface and sidewalks. Not utility work (water, storm, sanitary sewer) work is anticipated within 200 feet of Bonaparte Creek.

- 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.

None.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give 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 Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Not applicable.

- 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.

Waste material will not be discharged to 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.

The City's existing stormwater conveyance system collects stormwater throughout town via a series of inlet structures and pipes prior to discharging to the Okanogan River. Stormwater within the APE is collected and discharged to the City's existing stormwater conveyance system. The City's selected alternative for the stormwater improvements include treatment of the collected stormwater along SR 97 prior to discharging offsite to the City's existing stormwater conveyance system.

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

No.

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

The proposal does not alter existing drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site. The project will upgrade the City's existing stormwater conveyance system to meet peak storm event flows. The City's existing stormwater collection system is undersized which results in flooding of existing downtown buildings during peak storm events.

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

This project is will reduce the occurrences of flooding of buildings within the project area.

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

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?

Vegetation will not be removed during construction activities. The APE includes the SR 97 / Whitcomb Ave right-of-way. Surfaces are HMA and concrete sidewalk.

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

None are known.

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

Areas disturbed during construction will be backfilled with native soils and if necessary, re-seeded with native vegetation. Street trees will be planted during construction.

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

None that are known.

5. *Animals* [\[help\]](#)

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:

birds: **hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds**, other:

mammals: **deer, bear, elk, beaver**, other:

fish: **bass, salmon, trout**, herring, shellfish, other _____

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

The IPaC Trust Resource Report for the proposed area of impact indicates the Canada Lynx, (Threatened Species), Gray Wolf (Endangered Species), North American Wolverine (Proposed Threatened) and the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Threatened Species), may occur in the vicinity of the project location and could be potentially affected. The IPaC Trust Resource Report indicates that there are no critical habitats within the project area.

The IPaC Trust Resource Report for the proposed area of impact indicates the Bull Trout (Threatened Species) may occur in the vicinity of the project location and could be potentially affected. The IPaC Trust Resource Report indicates that there are no critical habitats within the project area.

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

No, not that is known.

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

None anticipated.

The project APE is along a state highway within the City of Tonasket's urban core. The project area is heavily urbanized with no natural habitat that could support the identified endangered, threatened and species of concern existing within Okanogan County. The IPaC Trust Resource Report indicates that there are no critical habitats within the project area. The project area is approximately 1,200 feet away from the Okanogan River and will not overlap with essential fish habitat.

The project will not generate new impervious surfaces and therefore will not result in increased stormwater runoff. The project will add hydrodynamic separators for treatment of stormwater collected within the APE and therefore stormwater quality will be improved as a result of the project.

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

There are no known invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

6. *Energy and Natural Resources* [\[help\]](#)

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.

None energy will be used. The completed project will not have energy needs. Street lights will be replaced and will use the same power source as before.

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

No.

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:

Street lighting will be designed to use efficient light bulbs.

7. **Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

Construction will carry the typical risk of fuel and/or oil spills from machinery during construction; however, the proposed improvements are not expected to pose hazards to the environment or human health.

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

Untreated stormwater is collected throughout the project APE. New stormwater treatment devices will be added to the existing stormwater system to treat previously untreated stormwater.

- 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 that are known.

- 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.

The project does not include plans to use, store or produce toxic or hazardous chemicals at any point during the project.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None, unless a construction worker gets hurt during construction.

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

No environmental health hazards known. The contractor is responsible for controlling any environmental health hazards that may arise.

b. Noise

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

Noise would not affect 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.

Construction activities will produce short-term construction noise that may disturb residents in or near the project site during typical business hours. Noise will cease upon construction completion.

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

No measures are proposed, except construction will take place during regular business hours or per local noise ordinances.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

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 proposed street improvements will occur within the bounds of the current street and sidewalk right-of-way.

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?

No.

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:

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Structures onsite are all utilities and street and sidewalk accessories like benches, light poles, signs, etc.

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

No, structures will be replaced during construction.

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

The project site is the City right-of-way which is adjacent to Neighborhood Commercial (C1), Commercial (C2), Public Use (PU), and Single Family (R2). Portions of the project are within 200 feet of Bonaparte Creek.

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

Current comprehensive plan designation for the project sites are Central Business District.

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

Portions of the project are within 200 feet of Bonaparte Creek. No work will occur below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM).

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

The entire project area is within a designated Critical Aquifer Recharge Area.

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

No one will reside or work in the completed project.

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

The project will not displace any people.

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

The contractor is responsible for traffic control and keeping access for businesses and residents during construction.

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

Not applicable. Land use will not change as a result of the project.

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

Not applicable. No impacts to agriculture and forest lands anticipated.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

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

No housing proposed.

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

No housing expected to be eliminated

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

The contractor is responsible for maintaining access to housing throughout the project.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

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

The tallest structure will be street light poles.

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

The street lights are located in town and will not alter or obstruct views.

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

None. The project may incorporate public art features and gateway landscaping contingent upon final design.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

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

Street lights will produce light during evening hours.

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

No. Lighting elements are intended for the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

- 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:

Not applicable to this project

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

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

No recreational areas are in the immediate vicinity of the project.

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:

None.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

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.

None that are known.

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.

No areas of cultural importance are known to be on or near the project site. A Cultural Resource Survey and report was prepared for construction activities related to the proposed project. The City is currently contracted with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to develop an Oral History Report to address potential impacts to historic properties during construction.

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 City completed a Cultural Resource Survey of the project APE and is in contract with the Tribes for preparation of an Oral History Report. USDA-RD has consulted with the Tribes and the DAHP during Section 106 review. The DAHP concurs that the project will have “no adverse effect” on historic properties within the APE.

- 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.

In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during the construction activities, work will immediately discontinue, the area will be secured and the office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation will be notified. If requested, the City will prepare an “Unanticipated Discovery Plan” prior to construction, including names and phone numbers of whom to call and key procedures.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- 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 site is HWY 97 / Whitcomb Ave. from 7st St to Delicious St. The contractor is responsible for maintaining access to all businesses and all residents.

- 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?

The project site is the downtown portion of HWY 97 / Whitcomb Ave. and is a part of the public transit route from Omak through Tonasket to Oroville.

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

The completed project will not eliminate any parking spaces and may add up to an additional 6 parking spaces at completion.

- 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).

The project is complete street improvement project for HWY 97 / Whitcomb Ave through downtown Tonasket. The project proposes all new street, sidewalk, benches, light poles, pedestrian bike racks, ADA ramps, and electric car charging stations.

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

The proposal occurs in the vicinity of rail transportation.

- 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 non passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Project completion will present downtown Tonasket as a more favorable tourist attraction and any increase in vehicular trips per day would be generated by tourism.

- 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.

No. Access will be provided for agricultural vehicles and products throughout the project duration.

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

The construction contractor(s) will be required to prepare a traffic control plan during construction.

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

The construction contractor(s) will be required to prepare a traffic control plan to minimize direct impacts on public services.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

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

- 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 project proposes upgrades to the City's sanitary sewer, water, and stormwater collection system utilities. Power will be buried and owned by the PUD

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

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: Alice J. Attwood

Name of signee Alice J. Attwood

Position and Agency/Organization Clerk - Treasurer - Tonasket

Date Submitted: 2-17-2023