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## SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

WAIT – You may not need to fill out the attached checklist.  
Please read and check the following:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that the SEPA process be completed for every project which requires an Air Discharge Permit unless the project is specifically exempted under WAC 197-11-800 Categorical Exemptions. The SEPA process needs to be completed only once per project. The SEPA process/determination is to be completed by the Lead Agency for the project. If a SEPA determination has been made by an Agency other than the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) for this project, respond to the following questions.

If you can answer "yes" to either of the following questions with respect to the action being proposed, the attached checklist need not be completed.

1. I have obtained a State, City or County Permit and filled out an environmental checklist.

Yes

No

If you answered "yes", list the State, City or County Department and date below and attach a copy of the checklist.

State, City or County Department	Date
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2. An environmental checklist or assessment has previously been filled out for another agency.

Yes

No

If "yes", give agency and date, and attach a copy of the checklist.

Agency Name	Date
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If your answer to both of the above questions was "No", you must fill out the attached SEPA Environmental Checklist.

Prepared by:

Signature

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## SEPA environmental checklist

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### ***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.



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### A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Western Star Northwest new paint booth
2. Name of applicant: Gordon Truck Centers, Inc
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: 277 Stewart Rd SW Pacific, WA 98047 Dominic Nicandri 253-863-7393 ext. 4275
4. Date checklist prepared: 3/10/2022
5. Agency requesting checklist: Southwest Clean Air Agency
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Completion of paint booth by 4/30/2022. Completion of building expansion by Q1 2023.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Yes, 3675sf addition to building for additional shop space.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
SWCAA application permit, 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.  
Awaiting building permits for building expansion.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.  
City of Ridgefield building permit.

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.)  
Install new 54x16x16' paint booth in existing shop space and convert existing space to body shop preparation space. Later 3675sf addition to building for additional space for commercial vehicle body repairs and preparation.

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 project is located at the street address of 600 S. 56th Pl, Ridgefield, WA 98642. Further described as Lots 1, 2 and 3 - SW 1/4, SE 1/4, and NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 4N, Range 1E Willamette Meridian, in the City of Ridgefield, Clark County, Washington at the NE corner of S 56th Pl and S 6th Way

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. Earth**

<p>a. General description of the site</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling <input type="checkbox"/> Hilly <input type="checkbox"/> Steep slopes <input type="checkbox"/> Mountainous <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p>
<p>b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?</p> <p>4%</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.</p> <p>UNK</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>No</p> <p>About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?</p> <p>Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:</p>

## 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.

Diesel exhaust, VOC's from painting and surface coating. Approximately 1075lbs of VOC's unknown quantity of diesel exhaust.

- 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:

Filters on paint booth system.

## 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.

Yes, unnamed creek, drains to Allen Creek, to Lake Rosannah and thus to Lewis 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.

Work is contained within the existing building structure which is adjacent to the unnamed 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.

NA

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

No.

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.
b. Ground Water:	
No	(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.
None.	(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.
c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):	
No.	(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 from site flows to catch basins. Catch basins flow to on site retention pond.
No.	(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.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:  
None.

#### 4. Plants

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deciduous trees: alder, maple, aspen, other | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen trees: fir, cedar, pine, other               | <input type="checkbox"/> Water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shrubs                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grass                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other types of vegetation (list below)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop or grain  |   |

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?  
None.

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

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

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



**5. Animals**

<p>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:</p> <p>birds: <input type="checkbox"/> hawk <input type="checkbox"/> heron <input type="checkbox"/> eagle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> songbirds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:</p> <p>mammals: <input type="checkbox"/> deer <input type="checkbox"/> bear <input type="checkbox"/> elk <input type="checkbox"/> beaver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:</p> <p>fish: <input type="checkbox"/> bass <input type="checkbox"/> salmon <input type="checkbox"/> trout <input type="checkbox"/> herring <input type="checkbox"/> shellfish, other</p>	<table border="1"><tr><td>Crow</td></tr><tr><td>Raccoon</td></tr><tr><td></td></tr></table>	Crow	Raccoon	
Crow				
Raccoon				
<p>b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p>NA</p>				
<p>c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.</p> <p>No.</p>				
<p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:</p> <p>NA</p>				
<p>e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p>NA</p>				

**6. Energy and Natural Resources**

<p>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.</p> <p>Electric, natural gas.</p>
<p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>No.</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>Retrofitting building lighting to LED technology.</p>

## 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.

Paints and coatings used are flammable. All waste is disposed of with licensed waste remover.

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

- (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.  
Natural gas service delivery line. No UST on property.

- (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.  
Motor oil, used motor oil, spent engine coolant, lead acid batteries, cleaning solvent, waste paint.

- (4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.  
None.

- (5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:  
Filters on paint booth exhaust, secondary containment or double walled tanks for oil and coolant storage.

### b. Noise

- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?  
General traffic, light manufacturing and vehicle repair. Fabrication.

- (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.  
Traffic, vehicle repairs. Monday - Saturday 7AM- 11PM for entire site. Paint booth 7AM-5PM.

(3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:  
None.

## 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.

Current site is general commercial vehicle repair shop. Adjacent properties include municipal maintenance facility and shop, cell phone communications tower, agricultural land, manufacturing and pharmaceutical manufacturing. The proposal will not affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties.

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 non-farm or non-forest use?

Project site has been developed as a commercial property since at least 2001.

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.

The site contains two buildings, the smaller a B Occupancy two story office building of 7645sf. The second building is larger, B, S1 and S3 occupancy of 54,977sf.

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

No.

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

E - Employment

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

Unk

<p>g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? NA</p>
<p>h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. No.</p>
<p>i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? 75 employees</p>
<p>j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? None.</p>
<p>k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: NA</p>
<p>l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: None.</p>
<p>m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: None.</p>

**9. Housing**

<p>a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. NA</p>
<p>b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. NA</p>

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

## 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?  
NA

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

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

## 11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?  
No additional light aside from existing night time security area lighting.

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:  
Equip exterior area lighting with motion sensing dimming.

**12. Recreation**

<p>a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? None.</p>
<p>b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. No.</p>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: None.</p>

**13. Historic and Cultural Preservation**

<p>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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. No.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<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. NA</p>
<p>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. NA</p>

#### 14. Transportation

<p>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. Access to the site from Interstate 5 is achieved via traveling on Pioneer street to S 56th PL and entering the facility via an existing driveway.</p>
<p>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? No. The nearest public transit stop is 0.5 miles away on Pioneer St.</p>
<p>c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? NA</p>
<p>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). No.</p>
<p>e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. No.</p>
<p>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? A traffic study completed by Jake Engineering concluded 6.3 additional trips per day with 0.6 PM peak hour trips.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: NA</p>

**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. No.
b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. NA

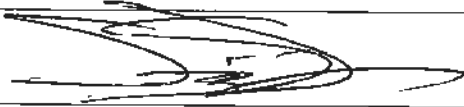
**16. Utilities**

a. Utilities currently available at the site: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> telephone <input type="checkbox"/> septic system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> refuse service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sanitary sewer <input type="checkbox"/> other (list below)
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. Northwest Natural Gas provides existing service to the facility which is sufficient to support the additional natural gas use generated by the project. Clark PUD provides electricity and additional loads will be negligible. The project does not use water or sewer as a significant part of the process.

**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:

Dominic Nicandri

Position and Agency Organization:

Director of Facilities - Gordon Truck Centers, Inc

Date Signed:

3/10/2022