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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE and REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

Project Name: Harborview Medical Center Major Institution Master Plan Amendment

Description of Proposal: Amendment of the City of Seattle Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) that governs development within the Major Institution Overlay (MIO) for Harborview Medical Center. The non-project action would amend the zoning controls to accommodate projects approved in the 2020 Harborview Bond, including a new planned hospital bed tower and a potential bed tower. The preferred alternative would allow development of approximately 1,502,250 square feet of occupied space within the MIO, partly through increased height limits of 320 feet. An action alternative also under consideration would achieve the same yield with no increase in height limit.

Proponent: King County

Location: The proposal is at the current location of the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, at the site approximately bounded by Interstate 5, James Street, Terry Avenue, and Alder Street.

Lead Agency: As the agency initiating the proposal, King County is the Lead Agency in accordance with WAC 197-11-926(1)

EIS Required. The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared.

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Areas for Discussion in the EIS: The lead agency has preliminarily identified that the following elements of the environment could be affected as a result of construction and operational impacts associated with the proposed MIMP Amendment.

- Earth/Topology (ECA steep slope)
- Air Quality/GHG
- Water (Surface Water Runoff and Stormwater)
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environmental Health (Noise [Helicopter] and Hazardous Materials)
- Land and Shoreline Use (Patterns and Consistency with Plans, Policies, and Regulations)
- Recreation
- Aesthetics (Height, Bulk, and Scale, Views, Shadows, Light and Glare)
- Historic and Cultural Preservation
- Transportation
- Public Services
- Utilities
- Construction Impacts (Short-term Impacts)

Information Available: This EIS Scoping Notice has been distributed to agencies, organizations and individuals, and has been posted online, onsite, and in the Seattle Times. The EIS Scoping Notice and the Draft MIMP Amendment can be reviewed at:

[KingCounty.gov/Harborview](https://kingcounty.gov/Harborview)

Scoping. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

Public Meeting: An EIS Scoping meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the proposed Draft MIMP Amendment and to provide input to the environmental review process. The meeting will consist of a presentation on the proposed Draft MIMP Amendment, an explanation of the EIS Process, and an opportunity for the public to provide comments regarding the alternatives and the scope of analysis contained in the EIS. The following are details concerning the logistics for the EIS Scoping meeting:

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

In-person location:

Harborview Medical Center

(Research & Training Building) Conference Room 113
300 9th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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Virtual Option:

Join link: <https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/j.php?MTID=m8f5faad74b7da7bf06875d1a91730924>

Webinar number: 2497 615 5016

Webinar password: pPdSX2EPe82 (77379237 when dialing from a phone or video system)

Join by phone

+1-206-207-1700 United States Toll (Seattle)

+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

Access code: 249 761 55016

Written comments will be accepted via U.S. mail and e-mail, until 5:00 PM, **May 1, 2025**.

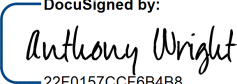
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