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**Inadvertent Discovery Plan**

**for**

**Harborview Medical Center Major Institution  
Master Plan Major Amendment  
Seattle, Washington**

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This Inadvertent Discovery Plan (Plan) includes protocols and procedures for the response to an inadvertent discovery of cultural resources or human remains.

## **SECTION 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project proposes the demolition of the View Park I garage (northern parking structure) and the construction of a New Inpatient Tower. The new tower will include up to four levels of below-grade construction (relative to 8th Avenue grades), requiring an excavation up to 50 feet. The existing View Park I garage includes four levels below-grade – so the new tower will extend slightly deeper than the existing garage building.

## **SECTION 2. PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES**

### **Worker Environmental Awareness Program Training**

Before the start of any ground disturbing activities, including any vegetation clearing or grading activities, Langan's Archaeological Principal Investigator who exceeds Secretary of Interior's standard for prehistoric and historic archaeology and is listed in the Register of Professional Archaeologists, or their representative, shall conduct a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training. The training shall be attended by all construction personnel who are involved in on-site ground disturbing activities. The WEAP training shall include an explanation of types of cultural materials<sup>1</sup> that may be encountered during ground disturbing activities, potential indicators for the presence of cultural materials, examples of cultural materials commonly found in the region and the procedures and communication protocols that must be followed upon the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources and human remains or suspect human remains. The training shall also establish procedures for temporary halting and redirecting work to permit sampling, identification, and evaluation of possible cultural resources, as appropriate. All personnel attending the WEAP training shall be provided a pamphlet outlining the details discussed in the meeting along with important contact information (see attached). Langan shall provide both hard and electronic copies of the WEAP pamphlet for any personnel that begin work on the Project after the commencement of ground disturbing activities.

### **Owner Applicant and Construction Contractor Tasks**

- It is the construction contractor's responsibility that all personnel meeting the description above attend the WEAP training prior to involvement with ground disturbing activities. Any construction personnel who begin work at any time after the first day of ground disturbance must also attend a WEAP training. Langan shall be available to conduct additional WEAP trainings upon request with no less than 48 hours' notice.

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<sup>11</sup> Cultural Resources include any sites, artifacts, features and materials of a prehistoric or historic-era origin and considered archaeological, built environment or tribal in nature.

- A hard copy or electronic sign in sheet shall be distributed for signature of all attendees of each WEAP training and be available for review by the jurisdictional agency staff.

### **Stop Work at Encounter**

#### ***Cultural Resources Treatment Protocol for Inadvertent Discovery***

Pursuant to state requirements and mitigation required for the Project, if previously unidentified cultural resources are encountered or suspected as a result of ground disturbing activities, the following protocols shall be adhered to:

1. All ground disturbing activities shall be stopped within at least 100 feet from the area of discovery and the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator shall be contacted to assess the nature, extent and potential significance of any discoveries. If the find is considered a potentially significant cultural resource, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator shall notify the jurisdictional agency staff immediately and if the cultural resource is Native American in nature, the appropriate tribe/s shall be contacted immediately.
2. The discovery location and 100-foot buffer, within which no ground disturbance can occur, shall be physically delineated by easily visible marking such as temporary plastic fencing or flagging tape until the discovery is addressed appropriately and consistent with state and local requirements and guidelines. The discovery shall not be disturbed in any way until the qualified Archaeological Principal Investigator, or qualified representative, in consultation with jurisdictional agency staff and tribal entities, as appropriate, removes the rope or flagging and allows ground disturbance to resume in the area.
3. Once temporary avoidance measures are in place, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator or qualified representative shall formally record and delineate the resource boundaries and evaluate the significance of the resource in accordance with state and local criteria. Documentation of the discovery shall include photographing artifacts/specimens/material with a digital camera, GPS mapping of the resource location with a handheld GPS unit and noting the stratigraphy and taphonomy of the sediments. Depending on the resource, effort to evaluate the resource may require subsurface testing and laboratory analysis.
4. If the resource meets the criteria set forth in Washington State Law, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator shall develop management recommendations for cultural resource treatment of the discovery with avoidance of the resource taking precedence. If avoidance is not feasible, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator will develop and submit the archaeological data recovery work plan and research design to the DAHP for review and concurrence of the final draft. If required, issuance of a Washington Archaeological Site Alteration and Excavation Permit may be required.

5. If avoidance of the resource is determined to be feasible by the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator, in consultation with jurisdictional agency staff and tribal entities, as appropriate, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator shall develop a plan of avoidance.
6. If avoidance of the resource is determined infeasible by the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator, in consultation with jurisdictional agency staff and tribal entities, as appropriate, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator shall develop a treatment plan to mitigate the impact of the Project on the resource in accordance with state and local requirements. The treatment plan shall be designed in a customized manner considering the unique traits of the resource and the Project conditions in order to minimize as much as possible the impact of the Project on the resource. These mitigation measures may include but are not limited to data recovery (excavation, analysis and report preparation); archaeological and Native American monitoring; partial preservation and curation.

### ***Human Remains Treatment Protocol for Inadvertent Discovery***<sup>2</sup>

The following language has been provided by the DAHP: *If ground disturbing activities encounter human skeletal remains during the course of construction, then all activity will cease that may cause further disturbance to those remains. The area of the find will be secured and protected from further disturbance until the State provides notice to proceed. The finding of human skeletal remains will be reported to the county medical examiner/coroner and local law enforcement in the most expeditious manner possible. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The county medical examiner/coroner will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and make a determination of whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the county medical examiner/coroner determines the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) who will then take jurisdiction over the remains. The DAHP will notify any appropriate cemeteries and all affected tribes of the find. The State Physical Anthropologist will make a determination of whether the remains are Indian or Non-Indian and report that finding to any appropriate cemeteries and the affected tribes. The DAHP will then handle all consultation with the affected parties as to the future preservation, excavation, and disposition of the remains.*

As such, the following protocols shall be followed upon discovery of human remains or suspected discovery of human remains:

1. All ground disturbing activities shall be diverted away from the area of discovery, and the King County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If it is unknown if the bones are human, the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator and Human Osteologist shall

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<sup>2</sup> <https://dahp.wa.gov/archaeology/human-remains/recommended-inadvertent-human-remains-discovery-language>

be contacted to assess the nature of the remains and shall contact the King County Coroner if the remains are determined human. Once the coroner has been contacted, the jurisdictional agency staff shall be contacted.

2. The King County Coroner will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and make a determination of whether those remains are forensic or not. If the remains are determined to be forensic the county coroner will retain jurisdiction over the remains. If the county coroner determines the remains are non-forensic, then the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) will take jurisdiction over those remains found on non-Federal and Non-Tribal land.
3. Upon assuming jurisdiction, the DAHP and State Physical Anthropologist will make a determination of whether the remains are Indian or Non-Indian and report that finding to any appropriate cemeteries and to the affected tribes. If the remains are identified as Indian, then after notification to the affected tribes of that finding by the DAHP, the affected tribes will have 5 business days to communicate with the DAHP their interest in those remains. The DAHP will handle all consultation concerning the remains with the affected tribes and other involved parties as to their future preservation, excavation, and disposition. If the remains are determined to be Non-Indian, then the DAHP will handle all consultation concerning the remains with the involved parties as to their future preservation, excavation, and disposition.
4. Work within no less than 100 feet of the area of discovery or nearby area suspected to overlie remains shall cease until the discovery is addressed appropriately and consistent with state requirements and guidelines. This area shall be physically delineated by easily visible marking such as temporary plastic fencing or flagging tape and shall not be disturbed in any way until the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, allows the removal of the rope or flagging and the resumption of ground disturbance in the area.

### **Communication Protocols**

To ensure Project compliance the following communication protocols shall be implemented:

- Construction personnel shall report to the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator regarding the occurrence of inadvertent discovery of cultural material and human remains or suspicion of human remains;
- All communication (via text, phone call or email) from the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator and construction personnel is assumed undelivered without confirmation of receipt. It is the responsibility of all staff and construction personnel to ensure that communication has been received through confirmation of receipt. If

confirmation is not received, it is the responsibility of the sender to follow-up and ensure receipt.

- Any inadvertent discovery of cultural material and human remains, or suspicion of the same, by construction personnel shall be reported immediately to the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator upon discovery.

### ***Cultural Staff Responsibilities***

**Human Osteologist** – Langan's Human Osteologist, Heather McDaniel McDevitt, is also the Project's Archaeological Principal Investigator overseeing cultural services for this Project and shall be on call throughout the duration of the ground disturbing activities to address any potential discovery of human remains. Initial determination of the nature of suspect bones shall be made through the examination of pictures and through phone discussion. If the identification of "non-human" is not absolutely certain, Ms. McDaniel McDevitt will travel to the Project site within 24 hours of discovery, if possible, to make a determination on site. A 100-foot buffer around the discovery shall be allocated, marked and enforced until a full determination of the discovery can be completed and appropriately treated. Please refer to Human Remains Treatment Protocol for Inadvertent Discovery for further details regarding required treatments and protocols in the event of an inadvertent discovery of human remains.

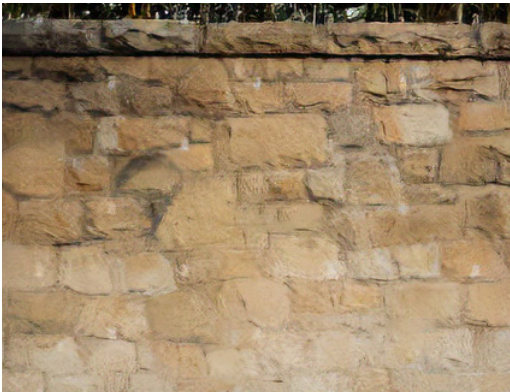
**Attachment**  
**Workers Environmental Awareness Program**  
**Pamphlet**

## Archaeological Resources

### Historic Glass Bottles



### Sandstone Wall/Foundations



### Ceramic Artifact Fragments



## Archaeological Resources

### Buried Foundation



### Historic Well



### Terrestrial Bone



WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE ASK!

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## WORKERS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAM

### Project

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It is important that all project staff understand that archaeological staff may visit the site to ensure that the project remains compliant with the conditions of approval for this project. Please contact us with any questions or concerns that you might have. It is much more efficient and beneficial to the project when we are able to respond to a potential issue immediately upon discovery when we can make a more flexible decision with regard to compliance.

## Cultural Staff Responsibilities

- Ensure project is compliant with all project COAs
- Confer with construction foreman at the beginning and end of each day to determine monitoring needs.
- Determine absence or presence of cultural material and, if necessary, its significance.
- Decide the next appropriate action based on CEQA regulations and Project Mitigation Measures
- Notify the City when archaeological materials of significance have been found

## Construction Staff Responsibilities

- Adherence to the Project Mitigation Measures.
- Communicate with the Principal Investigator prior to any ground disturbance activities. All construction personnel must attend a WEAP prior to being involved in ground disturbing activities. Tracking of attendance will be monitored by the jurisdictional agency.
- Immediately halt ground disturbance if cultural resources, human remains or suspected cultural resources and human remains have been encountered.
- Contact the archaeological staff and immediately halt ground disturbing activities if you observe any potential resources.
- Allow archaeological staff access to all project areas for assessments

The project site is located in a general area with the potential to retain archaeological deposits. If an inadvertent archaeological discovery is made, all construction work within no less than 100 feet from the discovery shall stop and the Archaeological Principal Investigator shall be contacted immediately. Upon the discovery or suspected discovery of human remains, all work within no less than 100 feet from the discovery shall stop and the Archaeological Principal Investigator shall be contacted immediately. If the remains are determined to be human, the Archeological Principal Investigator will contact the appropriate authorities.

There is always potential that archaeological resources and human remains may be encountered during ground disturbing activities. Collecting of any material from the site is illegal and punishable by both imprisonment and severe monetary fines. It is very important that any questionable material be reported to the Archaeological Principal Investigator immediately. We would rather you be cautious than inadvertently destroy a resource.

### Lithic Stone Tool/Production Artifact



## Archaeological Resources

### Marine Shell Midden



### Groundstone – Metate and Manos



### Lithic Tools – Projectile Points

