

The City of Shoreline Notice of Final Environmental Impact Statement Availability

Description of Proposal: The City of Shoreline proposes to adopt a Planned Action Ordinance and Sign Code Amendments for the area known as the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area (CRA). The CRA is approximately 70 acres and is generally located at the southwest corner of Aurora Avenue N and N 155th Street. The current land uses within the CRA include low-rise commercial uses such as Sears and Central Market and offices for Washington State Department of Transportation. The CRA is zoned Mixed-Business (MB) which allows commercial, retail, multi-family housing and any mix of residential/commercial uses. The CRA Planned Action will consider transportation impacts generated from potentially changing circulation patterns onsite as well as potentially changing the configuration of adjacent roadways such as the re-channelization of N. 160th Street, improvements to the Aurora Avenue/N. 160th Street intersection, improvements to the Westminster Way/N. 155th Street intersection, and potentially creating an alternative access point on Aurora Avenue to the CRA. The CRA Planned Action will also consider transportation facilities for transit, pedestrian, and bicycles to support redevelopment; identifying opportunities for better pedestrian access to and from the CRA; opportunities and incentives for low-impact and eco-district improvements; providing exceptional signage and wayfinding for the site; analyzing alternative transition standards; and creating visual openings in to the site that will allow better connection between pedestrians and businesses.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The City has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area (CRA).

The DEIS issued in December 2014 analyzed potential impacts of three alternatives (two action alternatives and one no action alternative) for the redevelopment of the CRA. Potential impacts include transportation, aesthetics, signage, and stormwater. The DEIS was made available for public review on December 12, 2014. A written comment period on the Draft EIS was established through January 12, 2015. The City held a Community Meeting to introduce the document and obtain early input on December 18, 2015. The City also held a hearing on March 19, 2015 before the Planning Commission.

The FEIS issued in July 2015 responds to public comments received during the written comment period and public hearing. The FEIS also documents the Planning Commission Preferred Alternative which is similar to Alternative 3 studied in the DEIS.

The purchase price of a copy of the FEIS is based on reproduction costs of printed documents or compact disks (CDs). Hard copies of the FEIS are available for review at:

City of Shoreline Planning & Community Development Department
17500 Midvale Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

The document is posted on the City's Web site:

<http://www.cityofshoreline.com/business/aurora-square-community-renewal-area>

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