

## City of Bremerton



### Draft Eastside Employment Center Subarea Plan and Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement

#### Notice of Availability and Public Meetings

Notice is hereby given under WAC 197-11-455 and 510 that the City of Bremerton is issuing a Draft Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposed adoption of the Draft Eastside Employment Center Subarea Plan.

The Draft EIS describes the existing conditions and identifies probable significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures to mitigate these impacts, and any significant unavoidable adverse impacts from the proposal, in accordance with RCW 43.21C. The Draft EIS is also intended to fulfill the SEPA requirements for Planned Action consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21c.440 and WAC 197-11-164 to 172).

**Description of the Proposal:** The Eastside Employment Center (EEC) is a long-standing employment center with a medical center, small businesses, housing, and parks and urban forests. With the Harrison Medical Center moving to a new campus in Silverdale between 2020 and 2023, the City desires to ensure that the EEC remains an economically vital center with both jobs and housing. With this goal, the City initiated a subarea plan for the EEC, including a vision, land use and design, zoning, and action strategies for the EEC. In addition, the City intends to adopt a planned action under RCW 43.21C.440 to facilitate future permitting of development consistent with the subarea plan.

To help form the subarea plan and planned action, the City is evaluating three alternatives in the attached Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS): No Action Alternative, the Current Comprehensive Plan and Zoning; a Residential Focus Alternative; and an Employment Focus Alternative.

The Draft EIS evaluates the three alternatives for potential adverse and beneficial impacts to the environment including: natural environment, population/housing/employment, land use, transportation and greenhouse gas, aesthetics, public services, and utilities.

During and following a Draft EIS comment period, a Preferred Alternative will be developed that is anticipated to be in the range of the alternatives above and may mix and match features. The Preferred Alternative would be evaluated in the Final EIS. Responses to comments on the Draft EIS will also be provided in the Final EIS.

**Proponent:** The City of Bremerton

**Location:** The Study Area is about 80 acres in terms of parcels, and is bounded by Sheridan Road in the north, East Park Natural Area to the east, the Port Washington Narrows on the south, and Warren Avenue/SR-303 to the west.

**Comment and Review:** With the publication of this Draft EIS, a 30-day comment period has been established from March 6, to April 6, 2020. Written Comments are due by 5:00 PM, April 6, 2020. Comments should be directed to:

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Submittal of comments by email is preferred. Please include in the subject line "Eastside Employment Center Draft EIS Comments".

**Public Meetings:** A public open house and workshop to review alternatives, the planned action, and subarea plan is scheduled for March 16, 2020 hosted by the Bremerton Planning Commission at City Hall, 345 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337. The Open House is scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm and the Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 pm.

This meeting is held as part of a public participation program for the Eastside Employment Center Subarea Plan under the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70a.035) and pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21C.440(3)).

**Document Availability:** This Draft EIS is available for review at Bremerton City Hall: 345 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337. The Draft EIS is posted on the City of Bremerton's website at [www.bremertonwa.gov/eastsidecenter](http://www.bremertonwa.gov/eastsidecenter). Compact disks are available for purchase at cost at Bremerton City Hall.

**SEPA Responsible Official:**

*Responsible Official:* Andrea L. Spencer, AICP  
Position/Title: Director, Department of Community Development  
See "Comment and Review Above" for contact person and method to provide comments.

Date:

3/6/2020

Signature:

