



City of Bremerton Eastside Employment Center Subarea Plan and Planned Action **Determination of Significance and Extended Scoping Comment Deadline**

Description of proposal

The Eastside Employment Center (EEC) is a long-standing employment center with a medical center, small businesses, and housing. The Harrison Medical Center is the the hub of many related medical services in this area and is the primary job provider in the EEC. Harrison has begun transitioning to a new campus in Silverdale and many of the associated medical uses surrounding their facility in Bremerton are also making this transition. It is expected that the first phase of the Harrison transition will be nearly complete by 2020, with the full departure of the hospital expected to be completed by 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. The plan will describe a vision, land use and design, zoning, and action strategies for the EEC. The subarea plan will be an element of the Comprehensive Plan. Zoning and other standards will be part of the City's development regulations. The City intends to adopt a planned action under RCW 43.21C.440 to facilitate future permitting of development consistent with the subarea plan.

Proponent and Lead Agency

City of Bremerton

Location of Proposal

The study area is about 80 acres 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.

EIS Required

The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment that needs analysis and consideration of alternatives. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. A scoping document and other materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at the project website:

www.BremertonWA.gov/EastsideCenter

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Natural Environment; Population, Employment, and Housing; Land Use; Transportation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Urban Design; Public Services; and Utilities. The City will evaluate a No Action Alternative addressing the current Comprehensive Plan and existing zoning regulations for the area. Two other alternatives would be addressed that vary future land use and investments in amenities and infrastructure designed to create a new future for the center.

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. The City has extended the scoping comment period from 21 days to 50 days.

The methods and deadline for giving us your comments are:

Scoping Comment period, extended: September 26 to November 15, 2019 (original comment deadline was October 21, 2019)

Provide written comments to City Contact below by **5 pm November 15, 2019**

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