

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF SEIS

Project Name: Animal Research and Care Facility

Proponent: University of Washington

Description of Proposal: Construction of a two-story, below-grade building, connecting to both the Foege Building and Hitchcock Hall at the first level below grade. The facility will provide flexible housing for large and small animals (primarily rodents) and non-human primates. It will include laboratories, procedure rooms, imaging facilities, cage and equipment wash facilities, storage, and other support spaces. The planned gross square footage is approximately 83,000 below grade and 3,000 gross square feet above grade outside the Portage Bay Vista next to the existing Hitchcock Hall. The project is intended to provide capacity for the University's animal research for the next ten years. It will bring together existing animal research into one centralized, modern, state of the art facility.

Location of Proposal: This project is proposed to be located under ground in the Portage Bay Vista located on the Seattle Campus bounded by the William H. Foege Building on the west, NE Pacific Street on the north, Hitchcock Hall and the Ocean Sciences Building on the east and NE Boat Street on the south.

Lead Agency: University of Washington

EIS Required: The Lead Agency has determined that this proposal has the potential to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared pursuant to Chapter RCW 43.21C.030. Materials can be reviewed at the Capital Projects Office (206) 543-5200.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. Please provide written comments to the contact person by the date specified.

The Lead Agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: traffic (construction and operation) and construction.

At least three alternatives will be analyzed: The proposed project, an alternative location for the project, and no action.

Comment Deadline: May 14, 2014

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