

SEPA Advisory Committee Meeting – updated March 15, 2021

Date: September 24, 2020, 10:00-11:00

Location: Zoom Video Meeting

Attendees:

- Doug Galluci – Environmental Health & Safety
- Caryn Walline – Planning Manager in Transportation Services
- Freida Taub – School of Aquatic Fisheries (Not in Attendance; info via email)
- Julie Blakeslee – University Environmental & Land Use Planner, Chair
- Kristine Kenney – University Landscape Architect, (Not in Attendance; info via email)
- Rob Lubin – Housing & Food Services

STEM4 Building – UW Bothell

The STEM4 Building is anticipated to be 75,000-80,000 square feet, 4 stories, and provide academic uses for both UW Bothell and Cascadia College. The proposed building height would be within the allowed 65 feet, under the 2017 Seattle Campus Master Plan. The building would include space for classrooms, teaching labs, and student gathering spaces.

The project is consistent with the design guidance and development regulations as set forth in the 2017 Campus Master Plan and the 2017 Campus Master Plan EIS. Slides were provided in the meeting showing the proposed building location within the CMP Development Area B (just south of Building CC3), consistency with Area B development standards and design guidelines, and a cross section of the site showing slopes and relationship to adjacent buildings. Tree removal is proposed for this project; trees would be replaced on campus at a 2:1 ratio. A geotechnical study, phase 1 environmental assessment, and transportation concurrency have been completed with no significant impacts identified. The committee had no questions about this project.

A draft SEPA checklist/consistency memo will be emailed to committee members for their review in October. [A draft SEPA checklist documenting consistency with the Campus Master Plan EIS was distributed 9/30/20 and comments requested by 10/12/20. All members responded with either no comments or the following:](#)

- [Mention that this is a jointly funded and designed building for campus with involvement of both institutions.](#)
- [Mention the benefit of joint use of this building on land use.](#)

[All committee members approved the checklist with the above proposed additions.](#)

Milgard Hall – UW Tacoma

The Milgard Hall project is to design and construct a new ~50,000 square foot, 3 story building. The building will include a mix of instructional, academic and administrative spaces such as classrooms, offices, team and meeting rooms, and common areas.

The project is consistent with the allowed uses and development regulations as set forth in the Tacoma Downtown Area Plan. The project site is an existing parking lot. This site is located south of the Snoqualmie Building, west of South C Street, north of South 21st Street, and east of the Prairie Line Trail. It is also the site of a previous hazardous waste storage facility and under executive order for investigation and clean-up. The committee had questions about the investigation, its timing and cost.

A SEPA document is anticipated to be emailed to committee members for their review within the next two months. [A draft SEPA checklist documenting consistency with the Campus Master Plan EIS was distributed 3/4/21 and comments requested by 3/12/21. No suggested changes were recommended by the committee and the checklist was approved.](#)