



November 3, 2021

City of Seattle  
Department of Construction & Inspections  
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Seattle WA 98104

**RE: SEPA Lead Agency  
Temporary Trailers on Parking Lot W35  
SDCI Project #6859860-CN**

Per RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11 and WAC 478-324-020 through 210, the University of Washington is the Lead Agency responsible for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for projects which the University initiates. These rules state that when an agency initiates a proposal, it is the lead agency for the proposal and defines lead agency as the agency with the main responsibility for complying with SEPA's procedural requirements.

Per the SEPA Guidelines, as the SEPA lead agency, the University of Washington has the authority to prepare determinations of exemption, threshold determinations, scoping, preparing and issuance of environmental impact statements, etc.

The SEPA review has been completed for the temporary trailers proposed to be located in the UW parking lot W35 as noted in the attached SEPA document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Julie Blakeslee'.

Julie Blakeslee, AICP  
University Environmental & Land Use Planner  
SEPA Responsible Official

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**UW FACILITIES, ASSET MANAGEMENT**  
**DATE:** November 3, 2021

**SUBJECT:** SEPA Categorical Exemption

Per RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11 and WAC 478-324-020 through 210, the University of Washington (UW) is the Lead Agency responsible for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for projects which the University initiates. Public notice of categorical exemptions is not required per WAC 197-11-305(2) which states “an agency is not required to document that a proposal is categorically exempt.” Agencies may note on an application that a proposal is categorically exempt or place such a determination in agency files; however, for permitting purposes, this form documents the SEPA categorical exemption for the following project.

**NAME:** Haring Center Temporary Facility in Parking Lot W35

**LOCATION:** The Haring Center Temporary Facility is proposed to be located in the UW Seattle South Campus parking lot W35 adjacent to NE Pacific Street to the north, UW Wallace Hall to the east, UW Marine Sciences and UW Fisheries Teaching and Research buildings to the south, and UW Fishery Sciences building to the west.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project involves the temporary installation of six modular trailers (approximately 10,000 - 11,000 square feet of floor area) on the UW parking lot W35 for academic use. Elevated metal platforms between the trailers will be installed for pedestrian circulation. Accessibility will be provided with ramps to the trailer platforms and doors and with accessible parking stalls in close proximity to trailer access. Utilities will be accessed via adjacent buildings and facilities; minor trenching may be required to connect the utilities. No other ground disturbance is anticipated. The trailers will be removed from the site when the Haring Center’s remodel is complete and can be re-occupied.

**SEPA DETERMINATION:** This project is categorically exempt per WAC 197-11-800(1) of the State Environmental Policy Act (and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.800). This section exempts minor new construction for school uses without crossing specific thresholds. The project is under these thresholds (including, but not limited to: lands covered by water, land use, licenses governing discharges to water or air emissions, square footage, and parking spaces). The project is not within the shoreline district or an environmentally critical area. No adverse environmental impacts are associated with this project.



