

**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE  
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF SEIS**

**Project Name:** Population Health Facility  
**Proponent:** University of Washington – Seattle Campus

**Description of Proposal:** The University is considering a proposal for site selection and construction of a new above and below grade building to create a physical convening space and compelling catalyst for Population Health endeavors across all three UW campuses, the region, and the world, creating a high profile marker for the UW's commitment to Population Health, as outlined in President Ana Mari Cauce's May 2016 address to the community. Information on the President's Population Health Initiative can be found at <https://www.washington.edu/president/populationhealth/>. The facility would house the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Department of Global Health and selected portions the School of Public Health. It would provide space to serve as an idea laboratory and collaboration incubator for students, faculty, staff, and visitors from a wide range of population health disciplines, who would come together for training, research work, and informal discussions yielding new insights and innovation opportunities. Four alternatives will be analyzed in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement – three alternative sites and the No Action alternative. The project is in the early planning stages but is currently estimated to be approximately 315,000 square feet due to preliminary site analysis.

**Location of Proposal:** Seattle Campus, **Site 37W** is in the West Campus in an area bounded by NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street on the North, University Way NE on the East, the Burke-Gilman Trail and NE Pacific Street on the South, and Brooklyn Ave NE on the West. Demolition of up to five structures could occur (3947, 3941, 3939, 3935, and 3917 University Way NE). **Site 22C** is in the Central Campus and bounded by NE Grant Lane on the North, Architecture and Guthrie Halls on the East, the Physics/Astronomy Building to the South, and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE on the West. Demolition of up to four structures could occur (Guthrie Annexes 1, 2, 3 and 4). **Sites 50S and 51S** are in the South Campus and bounded by the Magnuson Health Sciences Center to the North, the Central Utility Plant Building to the East, the South Campus Center to the South, and NE Columbia Road and South Gatehouse to the West. The S1 parking garage could be demolished and a portion of it rebuilt.

**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 Planning & Development 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: Land Use-Relationship to Plans and Policies (because the project timing may overlap with the adoption of a new Seattle Campus Master Plan), construction [such as noise, air, and transportation (auto, pedestrian, parking)], and historic and cultural preservation.

**Comment Deadline:** **October 7, 2016**

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