

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Project Name: New Burke Museum

Description of Proposal: The proposed New Burke Museum would be located in the northwest corner of the University of Washington's Seattle Central Campus and corresponds with the Campus Master Plan Potential Development site #1C. It is to the west of the existing Burke Museum in parking lot N1. The proposed building would include four levels and approximately 105,400 square feet of building space (compared to the existing 68,000-square foot museum). The project would address the current needs of the Burke Museum and allow for flexible planning for future museum operation. The structure would provide space for approximately 125 staff members and multiple exhibit spaces and collection storage areas, work areas, laboratory space, library and records areas, offices, classrooms, a café, kitchen/prep space, retail area, a lobby, restrooms and utility/building infrastructure space (electrical room, mechanical room, sprinkler room, etc.). The proposed design is intended to break down the traditional barriers between "public" and "back-of-house" museum spaces and would integrate collection storage and research lab spaces with traditional galleries and exhibits to create an experience that allows visitors to engage in the process of scientific and cultural discovery. The existing structure would be demolished once construction and the move have been completed.

Proponent: University of Washington

Location of Proposal: The project is located in the northwest corner of the Central Campus and is bounded by NE 45th Street to the north, Memorial Way NE to the east, NE 43rd Street/NE Stevens Lane to the south, and 15th Avenue NE to the west.

Lead Agency: University of Washington

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under (197-11-340 (2)); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by April 30, 2015 to:

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