

## **SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

### ***Purpose of checklist:***

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### ***Instructions for Lead Agencies:***

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

### ***Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:***

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## **A. background**

### **1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

2020 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

### **2. Name of applicant: City of Seattle**

**2. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

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**4. Date checklist prepared:** October 31, 2019

**5. Agency requesting checklist:**

City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

**6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

The proposal will be considered by the City Council for adoption in March of 2020.

**7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?**

No, the proposal is a non-project action that is not dependent upon any further action.

**8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be**

This SEPA environmental checklist has been prepared for this proposal.

**9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal?**

No.

**10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

The proposal requires approval by the City Council. No other agency approvals are anticipated.

**11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site.**

This proposal is for the annual amendment process to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. Two amendments are contemplated:

- 1). An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map expanding the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village to include an adjacent area developed with a mix of residential, health, and social services. The property is currently zoned LR3(M) and inclusion in the Hub Urban Village will change the designation on the FLUM from multi-family residential to Urban Village and will have the practical effect of increasing allowable height from 40 feet to 50 feet, and FAR (floor area ratio) from 1.8 to 2.3. These changes mean that future development may be slight greater than what could

occur currently. At present, there is no proposal for development at this site, but future development is anticipated.

- 2) Amendments to the goals and policies of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan found in the Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Delridge Neighborhood Plan was adopted in 1999 and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. In 2014, OPCD and the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) started working with community members to assess conditions that had changed since adoption of the 1999 Neighborhood Plan and to develop an Action Plan to respond to those conditions. Key factors spurring development of the Action Plan included broad community support, planning for a Delridge Multimodal Corridor Project, the Healthy Living Assessment (2014), and planning for Sound Transit 3.

The Action Plan promotes several community priorities that are reflected in the Neighborhood Plan amendments including:

- Supporting diverse and engaged communities
- Developing dynamic neighborhood destinations
- Improving access to affordable, healthy food
- Providing active transportation choices
- A healthy Longfellow Creek basin
- Parks and cultural facilities that support a healthy community

**12. Location of the proposal. Give enough information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

Providence Mt. St. Vincent is located adjacent to the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village on its eastern and northern boundaries. The site is bound by SW Edmunds St to the north, 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW to the east, 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW to the west, and SW Hudson St. to the south.

The Delridge Community is located in southwest Seattle with West Seattle Freeway to the north to the south, the West Seattle Golf Course to the west, and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Pigeon Park to the east.

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. Earth**

- a. **General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_**

The Providence-Mt. St Vincent site is relatively flat. The Delridge Neighborhood is hilly.

**b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

The steepest slope on the Providence - Mt. St. Vincent site is less than 5%. The steepest slope in the Delridge Neighborhood is approximately 40%.

**c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.**

The soil at the Providence-Mt. St. Vincent site is till/hardpan. The soil in the Delridge Neighborhood includes Silt, Till/hardpan, and silt/sand/gravel.

**d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

None for the Providence site. It is possible that areas in the Delridge community may have surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity; however, the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to the Delridge Neighborhood Plan do not propose any physical modifications to the area including modification of the soil.

**e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

This non-project action does not directly result in any ground disturbing activity. Should future development projects be proposed at the Providence – Mount St. Vincent site subject to the Future Land Use Map amendment or development consistent with amendments to the goals and policies of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan, the amount of fill, excavation and grading associated with future development will be evaluated on a project by project basis.

**f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

This non-project action does not directly result in erosion. The potential for erosion occurring from future development projects proposed at the Providence – Mount St. Vincent site subject to the Future Land Use Map amendment or development consistent with amendments to the goals and policies of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan cannot be evaluated at this time given the lack of any actual development proposal- so any future development will be evaluated on a project by project basis at the time a proposal is made.

**g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

This non-project action does not involve construction activity that would result in increased impervious surfaces. The proposal involved adoption of Comprehensive Plan amendments summarized above.

**h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

This non-project action does not directly result in erosion or other impacts to earth. Future development at the Providence – Mt. St. Vincent campus subject to this proposed Future Land Use Amendment or future development consistent with implementation of the proposed amendments to the Delridge Neighborhood Plan cannot be evaluated in terms of erosion at this stage. Construction plans associated with future development – including shoring, grading, and erosion control techniques – will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, and subsequent environmental review if SEPA thresholds are exceeded.

**2. Air**

**a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

This non-project action does not result in emissions to the air. Future development at the site of the proposed Future Land Use Amendment or in the Delridge Neighborhood will be subject to environmental review if thresholds are exceeded, and a SEPA GHG emissions checklist will be required. Future development will also be subject to existing odor and emissions requirements in the Land Use Code and promulgated by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

**b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

No. This non-project action would not be affected by any known off-site sources of emissions or odor.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

This non-project action does not involve any development activity that would result in impacts to air necessitating mitigation measures. Future development that is subject to the provisions of these Comprehensive Plan amendments is not known at this time but, if proposed will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, as well as environmental review if thresholds are exceeded.

**3. Water**

**a. Surface Water:**

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

There are no surface water bodies on or in the immediate vicinity of the Providence site. Longfellow creek is in the Delridge neighborhood.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No. This non-project action does not involve any development activity. Future development that is subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, as well as environmental review if thresholds are exceeded.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

There will be no fill and dredge material placed in or removed from any surface water or wetlands because this is a non-project action and does not involve any type of development activity. Future development projects that may occur as a result of this Future Land Use Map Amendment will undergo their own environmental review if they meet the thresholds for environmental review.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

These non-project actions would not result in any disturbance of surface waters or wetlands.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

No neither Comprehensive Plan amendment lies within a 100-year floodplain.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No. No waste anticipated as a result of this legislative action.

**b. Ground Water:**

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses**

**and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No. This is a legislative, non-project action that does not involve development activity therefore it does not result in withdrawal of ground water from a well. Future development projects that may occur as a result of these Comprehensive Plan amendments will undergo their own environmental review if they meet the thresholds for environmental review. At this time, no development is proposed so environmental review of such development cannot be evaluated.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

No. This is a non-project action that that amends the future land use map and the goals and policies of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan. There will be no waste materials discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources. Future development projects that may occur as a result of these Comprehensive Plan amendments and will undergo their own environmental review if they meet the thresholds for environmental review.

**c. Water runoff (including stormwater):**

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action that amends the future land use map and as a result there will be no runoff. Future development projects that may occur as a result of this Future Land Use Map Amendment will undergo their own environmental review if they meet the thresholds for environmental review.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action that that amends the future land use map to change the Providence site from multi-family residential designation to hub urban village designation within the hub urban village boundary and amends

the Goals and Policies of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan; this is a nonproject action that will not result in any construction or any discharge of waste materials into the ground or surface waters. Future development projects that may occur as a result of these amendments will undergo their own environmental review if they meet the thresholds for environmental review.

**3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action that amends the future land use map and the Goals and Policies of the Delridge Neighborhood Plan and as a result the proposal does not alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity. Future development projects that may occur as a result of these amendment will undergo their own environmental review if they meet the thresholds for environmental review.

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:**

There are no impacts to surface, ground or runoff water, or to drainage patterns, as a result of this non-project action. No mitigation measures are necessitated. Future development that is subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, as well as environmental review if thresholds are exceeded but such future development cannot be evaluated under SEPA at this time because it would be speculative.

**4. Plants**

**a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other**
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other**
- shrubs**
- grass**
- pasture**
- crop or grain**
- orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.**
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other**
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other**
- other types of vegetation**

The City of Seattle and the areas subject to these proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments of the proposed rezone are developed and urban in character. A broad range of different types of vegetation are observed around the City. The site of the proposed rezone includes landscaping with mature trees, shrubs and grass. Future development activity that is subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, as well as environmental review if thresholds are exceeded.

**b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

This non-project action does not involve any development activity and would not result in the removal or alteration of vegetation. Future development at the sites subject to these amendments are subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, as well as environmental review if thresholds are exceeded.

**c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

There are no known threatened or endangered species on the Providence site. Likewise, there are no known threatened or endangered species in the Delridge neighborhood.

**d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:**

This non-project action does not include any landscaping. Future development in the areas subject to these Comprehensive Plan amendments would be subject to the City's land use code requirements.

**e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

There are no known noxious weeds or invasive species known to be on the Providence site. In Delridge, noxious weeds and invasive species are present that are similar to those found throughout the City. These weeds and species include:

Himalayan blackberry  
English Ivy  
Hedge false bindweed  
Shortstalk false bindweed  
English Holly  
Wild clematis  
Bittersweet nightshade  
Knotweed  
Horse chestnut  
Cherry laurel  
European mountain ash  
Grapevine

**5. Animals**

**a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:**

- **birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

The City of Seattle and the areas subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are developed and urban in character. Future development activity will be evaluated for impacts to animals if thresholds for environmental review are exceeded.

**b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

This non-project action is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species. Chinook salmon in Puget Sound are listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Bald Eagles are known to exist within the City limits. The areas subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are not known to have any threatened or endangered species. No impacts to any species are expected as a result of this proposal.

**c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

The City of Seattle is part of the Pacific Migratory Flyway. No impacts to the migration route are anticipated from this nonproject action. However, future development in the areas subject to these proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will be subject to environmental review if thresholds are exceeded.

**d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:**

No measures are proposed to preserve or enhance wildlife as no impacts will result from this non project action. Future development that is subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, as well as environmental review if thresholds are exceeded.

**e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

None known.

**6. Energy and natural resources**

**a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

This is a non-project action. It is unknown what type of energy would be used in future development. Energy and natural resource use would be evaluated at the time of a project proposal.

**b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action. The Future Land Use amendment for the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village would allow future projects to be built 10-feet higher (from 40 feet to 50 feet) than they are currently allowed. The amendment

to the Delridge Neighborhood Goals and Policies will not affect the use of solar energy by neighboring properties. Future projects subject to these amendments will undergo their own environmental review.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action. Measure to reduce energy impacts would be developed at the time of a project proposal.

## **7. Environmental health**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.**

This non-project action does not involve any construction activity that would result in any environmental health hazards. Future development that is subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, and subsequent environmental review if thresholds are exceeded. Environmental health hazards will be evaluated at that time on a project by project basis.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

This is a non-project action. Identification of possible contamination at development sites that are subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will occur through environmental review at the time of any development project proposal.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

This is a non-project action. Identification hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design at development sites that are subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will occur through environmental review at the time of any development project proposal.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

This non-project action does not involve the storage use or production of toxic or hazardous chemicals.

**4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Not applicable.

**5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:**

This non-project action does not involve any development activity that will result in any environmental health hazards necessitating mitigation measures. Future development that is subject to the provisions of this proposal will be subject to the City's codes and ordinances, and subsequent environmental review will occur if thresholds are exceeded. Future development undergoing environmental review will be required to demonstrate adherence with Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) provisions and compliance with the Washington State Department of Ecology regulatory authority.

**b. Noise**

**1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

This non project action affects sites that are in or near urban centers and experience noise expected in dense mixed-use communities. Providence is located adjacent to the West Seattle Hub Urban Village and experiences noise from traffic and activities consistent with this designation. Delridge is an urbanized neighborhood features a mix of uses (commercial and industrial) and also contains major traffic arterials.

**2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.**

This is a non-project action that will not create any known noise impacts. Noise impacts associated with a future project action would be evaluated at that time.

**3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:**

Not applicable.

**8. Land and shoreline use**

**a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

The areas subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are both primarily mixed-use urban villages with a range of housing types and commercial activities. The area subject to the proposed amendment to the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village is a mix of social service, senior housing, and medical services bordered with single family residential development to the north, east and south and mixed-use commercial to the west. The Delridge neighborhood has a mix of residential types (single family and low-rise multifamily housing) and commercial services. The Delridge neighborhood is close to industrial uses to its north.

**b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

No.

**1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:**

No.

**c. Describe any structures on the site.**

The areas subject to these Comprehensive Plan amendments include a broad mix of structure types including single family houses, apartment buildings, retail and other commercial structures.

**d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

No structures will be demolished as part of this non-project action. Future development projects in the areas subject to these Comprehensive Plan Amendments will be subject to their own environmental review and identification of any structures to be demolished will be identified at that time.

**d. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

The zoning for the area to be included in the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village is Low-Rise 1 (LR1). The Delridge neighborhood is a mix of SF-5000, LR, and Commercial (C1 and C2) zoning.

**e. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

The area of the proposed amendment to expand the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village is currently designated Multi-Family Residential on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. The Delridge neighborhood Future Land Use Map designations are Single-Family, Mixed-Use Commercial, and Multi-Family.

**f. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Not applicable.

**g. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county?**

No.

**i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action and no development is proposed.

**j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None. This is a non-project action.

**k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**

None. This is a non-project action.

**l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**

The proposed amendments do not change existing or projected land uses.

**m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

Not applicable.

**9. Housing**

**a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable because this is a non-project action. There are no pending project proposals and it is not possible to estimate how many housing units might be provided in the future without a proposal.

**b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable because this is a non-project action. There are no pending project proposals and it is not possible to estimate how many housing units might be eliminated or whether high, middle, or low-income housing would be eliminated in the future without a project proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

None.

**10. Aesthetics**

**a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

This is a non-project action and does not result in development of any structures. The amendment to the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village will allow for an increase in the building height limit of approximately 1 story (from 40 feet to 50 feet). The amendments to the Delridge Neighborhood Plan Goals and Policies do not affect building heights.

**b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

This is a non-project action and adoption of these amendments will not result in view alteration or obstruction. Future development projects in areas subject to these Comprehensive Plan amendments will undergo the own environmental review and view impacts can be assessed at that time.

**b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

None.

**11. Light and glare**

**a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

**b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

This is a non-project action. There is no known development being proposed.

**b. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

Both areas may be affected by light and glare generated from nearby commercial uses, automobiles and other sources of light found in mixed-use urban areas.

**d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action, there is no development proposed. At the time of a proposed development a project would evaluate light and glare and would be subject to the City's regulations. Development is required to submit a lighting plan for review.

**12. Recreation**

**a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

Both the Delridge Community and West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village are close to the West Seattle Golf Course. Delridge also abuts the Pigeon Point and Puget Parks.

**b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

No.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

None.

**13. Historic and cultural preservation**

**a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.**

Both areas subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments have buildings older than 45 years that may be eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers. Future development projects that may occur in these locations will undergo their own environmental review and will identify specific structures listed on the City's Historic Resources Survey database or that may be eligible.

**b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

This is a non-project action. Future development proposals in the areas subject to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will undergo their own review and identify landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Not applicable to this non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

No loss, changes to, or disturbance to historic resources is anticipated due to this non-project action.

#### 14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

The site subject to the amendment expanding the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village is served by SW Hudson Street, 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, SW Edmunds Street, and 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Delridge is served by Delridge Way SW which travels bisects the neighborhood from North to South and is the primary through road. To the east and west of Delridge Way are collector streets serving residential areas.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

Both areas are served by transit with numerous bus routes serving the Delridge neighborhood and the West Seattle Junction Hub Urban Village.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. The amount of future parking in future development cannot be known.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

This is a non-project action. Improvements to the transportation system as part of future development proposals cannot be known.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. Future development can't be known at this time, and an amount of future trips can't be estimated.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. Future development can't be known at this time, and an amount of future trips can't be estimated. At the time of a development proposal the project proponent would be required to evaluate transportation impacts and potentially identify mitigation.

## 15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. Future development can't be known at this time, and the impact on public services from a future development can't be known.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. Future development can't be known at this time, and the impact on public services from a future development can't be known.

## 16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other \_\_\_\_\_**

- d. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

Not applicable. Non project action. As indicated above, all major utility services currently service the site. At the time of a project proposal needed improvements and connections to utility lines would be evaluated.

**C. Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee: James Holmes, Strategic Advisor

Position and Agency/Organization: City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

Date Submitted: November 21, 2019

## **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions**

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

### **1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

As a non-project action, the proposal would result in no direct impacts to water, air, noise, or toxic/hazardous substances. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have also been considered, and no changes to GHG emissions are expected as a result of this non-project action. Individual projects that may occur in the areas subject to these Comprehensive Plan amendments will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of discharge to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or noise, at this stage. It would be speculative to attempt to quantify impacts to the future development. Such projects will be subject to environmental review (if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review) as they move forward. The changes are not expected to increase potential discharge of pollutants as compared to the amounts that could occur under existing code.

#### **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

No increases are anticipated and so no measures are proposed.

### **2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?**

As a non-project action, the proposal would result in no direct impacts and are unlikely to result in indirect or cumulative impacts related to plant, animal, fish or marine life. Individual projects in the areas subject to the Comprehensive Plan amendments will occur over time and cannot be evaluated in terms of effects on plants, animals, fish or marine life at this stage. It would be speculative to attempt to quantify impacts to the future development. Such projects will be subject to environmental review (if they meet or exceed thresholds for environmental review) as they move forward.

#### **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

No impacts are anticipated and so no measures are proposed.

### **3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

As a non-project action, the proposal changes would result in no direct impacts and are unlikely to result in indirect or cumulative impacts related to energy or natural resources. The proposed changes do not alter any regulations directly related to energy or natural resources such as energy performance standards in new development.

#### **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

No impacts are anticipated and so no measures are proposed.

**4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened, or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

As a non-project action, the proposal would result in no direct impacts and is unlikely to result in indirect or cumulative impacts related to environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection. This is because the areas potentially affected are already located in intensely developed urban environments and no significant environmentally sensitive areas are designated. The proposed changes would not alter allowances for new development that could otherwise occur in or near environmentally sensitive areas under existing regulations.

**Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

None are proposed because no impacts are anticipated. The existing regulatory framework, i.e., the Land Use Code, The Shoreline Master Program, Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance, Landmarks Preservation Ordinance and the City's SEPA ordinance will address impacts, if any, as part of the project-specific review of development proposals.

**5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land and shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

As a non-project action, the proposed changes are not likely to affect land and shoreline use because the proposal has no effect on whether specific uses are allowed or prohibited. Thus, this non-project action would not affect the compatibility of land uses with the existing Comprehensive Plan and neighborhood plans.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

No impacts are anticipated and so no measures are proposed.

**6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

As a non-project action, the proposal would result in no direct impacts and is unlikely to result in indirect or cumulative negative impacts related to transportation or public services/utilities. All areas potentially affected by the proposal are within already urbanized areas with fully developed utility infrastructures. Adoption of this proposal will not increase demands on transportation, public services, or utilities.

**Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demands are:**

No increased demands are anticipated and so no measures are proposed.

**7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

It is believed that the proposal would not result in conflicts with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for protection of the environment.

**SIGNATURE:**

I, the undersigned, state that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and complete. It is understood that the lead agency may withdraw any declaration of non-significance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Holmes  
Strategic Advisor

Date Submitted: November 21, 2019

Reviewed by: