

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY & ADEQUACY OF THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
U District Urban Design Alternatives - January 26, 2015**

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the proposal described below is available for public review. Note that this is the second notice for this document; the FEIS itself has not changed.

Proposal: The proposed action is programmatic in nature and involves amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and changes to zoning and development standards, allowing increased height and density in portions of the U District neighborhood. The planning area is generally bounded by Interstate-5 on the west, 15th Avenue NE on the east, Portage Bay on the south and Ravenna Boulevard NE on the north.

The DEIS evaluated the probable significant environmental impacts of two non-project rezone alternatives and one “no action” alternative.

- Alternative 1 - Medium towers, more dispersed development pattern;
- Alternative 2 - Taller towers, most focused development pattern; and
- Alternative 3 (No Action) - current zoning, most dispersed development pattern.

The FEIS considers two additional alternatives that assume a higher growth estimate than considered in the Draft EIS:

- Alternative 1B - Same assumptions for development standards and development pattern as Draft EIS Alternative 1, with 1,100 more estimated residential housing units compared to Draft EIS Alternative 1; and
- Alternative 2B - Same assumptions for development standards and development pattern as Draft EIS Alternative 2, with 1,100 more estimated residential housing units compared to Draft EIS alternative 2.

The Department of Planning and Development has determined that the FEIS is adequate and complies with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (“SEPA”), RCW 43.21C.

Timing of Preferred Alternative and Implementation:

The Mayor anticipates submitting recommendations for City Council consideration in 2015. The recommendations would amend the Seattle Comprehensive Plan and the Seattle Land Use Code (SMC Title 23), including the zoning map.

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Issuance Date of the FEIS: January 8, 2015

Availability of Final EIS:

The Draft and Final EIS may be viewed at DPD's website, www.seattle.gov/dpd/udistrict. Hard copies of the Final EIS are available for public review at:

- *City of Seattle DPD Public Resource Center (700 5th Ave, Floor 20);
- *Seattle Public Library, Central Branch (1000 Fourth Ave.);
- *Seattle Public Library- University Branch (5009 Roosevelt Way Northeast);
- *University of Washington Suzzallo Library (4000 15th Avenue Northeast);
- *University of Washington Built Environments Library (3949 15th Avenue Northeast); and
- *The University Neighborhood Service Center (4534 University Way Northeast).

Interested parties may obtain copies of the Final EIS free of charge (while supplies last) at DPD, 20th floor Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. A postage fee of \$5.50 must be paid if documents are to be mailed. Please send a check payable to the **City of Seattle** to:

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How to Appeal the Environmental Determination

Appeals of the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement must be received by the Hearing Examiner no later than **5:00 p.m., February 9, 2015**. Appeals may be filed online at www.seattle.gov/examiner/efile.htm, delivered in person to the Hearing Examiner's office on the 40th floor of Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Ave., or mailed to the City of Seattle Hearing Examiner, P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729. (Delivery of appeals filed by any form of USPS mail service may be delayed by several days. Allow extra time if mailing an appeal.) An appeal form is available at www.seattle.gov/examiner/LANDUSEAPLFORM.pdf.

Appeals must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee. The fee may be paid by check payable to the City of Seattle or a credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard only) payment made in person or by telephone at 206-684-0521. (The Hearing Examiner may waive the appeal fee if the person filing the appeal demonstrates that payment would cause financial hardship.)

The Hearing Examiner Rules and "Public Guide to Appeals and Hearings Before the Hearing Examiner" are available at www.seattle.gov/examiner/guide-toc.htm.