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Skagit County Jail Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Hearing

Draft EIS Availability: In accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Skagit County Jail has been issued and is available for your review and comment. The Draft EIS analyzes probable adverse environmental impacts of the proposed project alternatives and identifies possible mitigating measures for those impacts.

Project Proponent: Skagit County

Proposal Description: A new Skagit County Jail is being proposed to replace the existing, overcrowded Skagit County Jail. The proposed facility is considered an Essential Public Facility and would provide infrastructure to serve the residents, cities/towns, and tribes of Skagit County over the next 15 to 20 years. The project is also intended to accommodate future jail infrastructure needs over a 40- to 50-year planning horizon. Alternatives being considered include no action and construction of a new, expanded jail facility on two alternative sites in the City of Mount Vernon—the Alf Christianson Seed Site and the Truck City/Suzanne Lane Site. A new, expanded jail would accommodate 400 inmate beds at immediate build-out and up to 800 inmate beds at full build-out. Additional services include administrative facilities, a medical diagnosis and treatment area, inmate rehabilitation programs, and a courtroom.

Proposal Locations: The 7.8-acre Alf Christianson Seed Site is located on 21 parcels within the corporate limits of Mount Vernon, Washington. This site is bound by East Kincaid Street to the north, Interstate-5 to the east, East Section Street to the south, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to the west (Township 34N Range 4E Section 20).

The 10.4-acre Truck City/Suzanne Lane Site is located on 5 parcels within the corporate limits of Mount Vernon, Washington. This site is bound by Old Highway 99 South Road to the west, Interstate-5 to the east, McFarland Lane to the north of the site, and Suzanne Lane to the south of the site (Township 34N Range 4E Section 32).

Lead Agency: The City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County are co-lead agencies. The City of Mount Vernon is the nominal lead agency and is responsible for complying with the duties of the lead agency under SEPA (WAC 197-11-944).

Public Comment: A 30-day public comment period has been established for this Draft EIS extending from December 18, 2013, through January 16, 2014. Comments may be submitted verbally at the public hearing or in writing to the Responsible Official noted below.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held before the Responsible Official on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at the Commissioners Hearing Room, Skagit County Administrative Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, 98273. An open house will begin at 3:00 pm followed by a brief presentation and open hearing from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Citizens who plan to attend the public hearing and have special needs or disabilities are asked to call the office of the Board of County Commissioners at (360) 336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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