

# **The City of Shoreline Notice of Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and Public Hearing of the Planning Commission**

**Description of Proposal:** The City of Shoreline proposes to adopt a Planned Action Ordinance for the area known as the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area (CRA). The CRA is approximately 70 acres and is generally located at the southwest corner of Aurora Avenue N and N 155<sup>th</sup> Street. The current land uses within the CRA include low-rise commercial uses such as Sears and Central Market and offices for Washington State Department of Transportation. The CRA is zoned Mixed-Business (MB) which allows commercial, retail, multi-family housing and any mix of residential/commercial uses. The CRA Planned Action will consider transportation impacts generated from potentially changing circulation patterns onsite as well as potentially changing the configuration of adjacent roadways such as the re-channelization of N. 160<sup>th</sup> Street, improvements to the Aurora Avenue/N. 160<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, improvements to the Westminster Way/N. 155<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, and potentially creating an alternative access point on Aurora Avenue to the CRA. The CRA Planned Action will also consider transportation facilities for transit, pedestrian, and bicycles to support redevelopment; identifying opportunities for better pedestrian access to and from the CRA; opportunities and incentives for low-impact and eco-district improvements; providing exceptional signage and wayfinding for the site; analyzing alternative transition standards; and creating visual openings in to the site that will allow better connection between pedestrians and businesses.

## **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area (CRA). The DEIS analyzes potential impacts of three alternatives (two action alternatives and one no action alternative) for the redevelopment of the CRA. Potential impacts include transportation, aesthetics, signage, and stormwater. The DEIS was made available for public review on December 12, 2014.

Interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments regarding DEIS. Written comments must be received at the address listed below before **5:00 p.m. March 19, 2015**. Please mail, fax (206) 801-2788 or deliver comments to the City of Shoreline, Attn: Steven Szafran, AICP 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline, WA

The City of Shoreline, as lead agency, issued a SEPA Determination of Significance (DS) on August 14, 2014. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) and will be available for review on December 12, 2014. The DEIS can be found here when available:

<http://www.cityofshoreline.com/business/aurora-square-community-renewal-area>.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Planning Commission is holding a second public hearing due to technical difficulties as the public hearing on January 29 was not recorded. The Planning Commission is responsible for evaluating the impacts of the proposal, soliciting community input, and forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. The Planning Commission will take public comment on the three alternatives and make a recommendation to City Council on the preferred alternative at the public hearing. The preferred alternative will be identified as the Planned Action in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments regarding the above project at a public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline, WA.

Copies of the proposal, SEPA Checklist and applicable codes are available for review at the City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N.

**Questions or More Information:** Please contact Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Manager at 206-801-2218 or Steven Szafran, Senior Planner, Planning & Community Development at (206) 801-2512.

Any person requiring a disability accommodation should contact the City Clerk at (206) 801-2230 in advance for more information. For TTY telephone service call (206) 546-0457. Each request will be considered

individually according to the type of request, the availability of resources, and the financial ability of the City to provide the requested services or equipment.