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NOTICE OF NEPA DRAFT EIS AVAILABILITY and PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is provided of the availability of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed ***Washington State Convention Center Addition and King County Site Work***.

The site of the proposed ***WSCC Addition and King County Site Work*** is in downtown Seattle, approximately one block northeast of the existing Washington State Convention Center. The site comprises an area of three blocks -- bounded by Howell St. on the north, Boren Ave. on the east, I-5 on the southeast, Pine St. on the south, and Ninth Ave. on the west. The project involves development of a multi-level, 1,587,500-sq.-ft. Addition to the existing Washington State Convention Center. Ancillary uses include an estimated 54,000 sq. ft. of street-level uses and below-grade structured parking for 700 - 800 vehicles. Potential, future above-grade development that may also occur includes a 29-story, 400-unit residential tower and a 16-story, 585,000 sq. ft. office tower.

The NEPA Draft EIS analyzes the probable adverse environmental impacts associated with the project, which includes demolition of the former Honda Riach Building (1017 Olive Way) that was constructed in 1930. This 2-story, 67,204 sq. ft. former automobile dealership building has been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The project requires approvals by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for actions within the Interstate right of way. FHWA is the lead federal agency for this NEPA EIS. The Washington State Convention Center is the local lead agency.

The proposal evaluated in this NEPA Draft EIS is largely the same as that evaluated in the SEPA EIS (Final EIS published Feb. 17, 2017), however, due to necessary federal approvals associated with the proposal, this additional NEPA EIS process has been undertaken.

Comments on the Draft EIS are due no later than: **December 4, 2017**. Please submit written comments by mail to:

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Comments can also be submitted via e-mail at the following address: info@wscaddition.com

A Draft EIS **Public Hearing** is scheduled for 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, **Thursday, November 9, 2017**. The hearing will be held at the following location:

**Washington State Convention Center
705 Pike St., Room 2AB
Seattle, WA**

This Draft EIS can be reviewed at the ***WSCC Addition*** website (www.wscaddition.com or www.wsc.com), at the Washington State Convention Center Administrative Office (Rm. 205), and/or at the **Seattle Public Library – Central Library** (1000 Fourth Ave.). CDs are available at no cost from Washington State Convention Center Administrative Office (705 Pike St., Seattle); paper copies may be ordered for the cost of reproduction by emailing info@wscaddition.com.

Thank you for your interest in the ***WSCC Addition and King County Site Work*** Draft EIS.