

# Weekly Permit Bulletin

# March 1, 2018

Providing official notice of land use applications, meetings, decisions, recommendations, hearings, and appeals of land use decisions within the City of Bellevue

#### How to use this Bulletin

### To learn more about a project:

- Call the planner assigned to the project to make arrangements to review the project files.
- Visit City Hall Public Records between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and review the project files.
- Click the name of the project to view digital plans.

#### To comment on a project:

- Send your comments in writing to the Development Services Department, and be sure to include your name and address.
- Comments will be accepted until the time a staff report is prepared for the decision or recommendation, with a minimum comment period of at least 14 days (30 days for shoreline projects).
- If you submit a written comment, we will send you a copy of the notice of decision or recommendation.

#### To appeal a permit decision:

- You must have filed a written comment expressing your concerns before the decision was made.
- Any appeal of a DSD decision to the Hearing Examiner must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. on the appeal deadline indicated on the notice. The appeal must include a written statement in the form described in LUC 20.35.250.A.2 together with an appeal notification form. Link to Form
- An appeal of a shoreline decision is made to the State Shoreline Hearing Board, must be in writing, and must be filed within 21 days of the date the DSD decision is received by the State Department of Ecology (DOE). The DSD decision will be sent to DOE by the close of business on the date of this notice. For additional information regarding shoreline appeals, please call the Shore Hearings Board at 360-459-6327.

### To receive the bulletin by email:

Access our city website at www.bellevuewa.gov and click on Permits/Zoning and Land Use/ Public Notices and Participation/Subscribe. From there you may register to receive the bulletin weekly. You will continue to receive the bulletin until you unsubscribe from this service.

#### How to Reach Us:

The Development Services Center is located on the lobby floor of Bellevue City Hall at 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

P.O. Box 90012 Bellevue, WA 98009-9012 425-452-6800



# GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING USE OF OPTIONAL DNS PROCESS

When the **SEPA** field indicates a **Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)** is expected, the optional DNS process is being used and a DNS is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared. The Threshold Determination will also be noticed in a subsequent issue of this Weekly Permit Bulletin. A copy of the subsequent Threshold Determination for the proposal may be obtained upon request.

### **Notice of Application**

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The Joint/Modern Acupuncture

**Location:** 106 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Suites C & D

**Subarea:** Southeast Bellevue **File Number:** 18-103929-LS

**Description:** Variance to the Bellevue Sign Code to allow 2 illuminated building-mounted signs on the 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE facade of Kelsey

Creek Building E.

**Approvals Required:** Sign Code Variance approval and ancillary permits and approvals

**SEPA:** Exempt

**Minimum Comment Period Ends:** March 15, 2018, 5 PM. Refer to page one for information

on how to comment on a project.

**Date of Application:** January 31, 2018 **Completeness Date:** February 28, 2018 **Applicant Contact:** Chris Totton, Arizona

Signs Plus, 623-780-1544, <a href="mailto:chris@arizonasignsplus.com">chris@arizonasignsplus.com</a>

Planner: Mark Brennan, 425-452-2973 Planner Email: mcbrennan@bellevuewa.gov

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Olympic MP 102 Garage Demo

**Location:** 13724 SE Newport Way

Subarea: Newcastle

File Number: 18-104072-LO

**Description:** Application for Critical Areas Land Use Permit approval to demolish an

existing detached garage and foundation built over the Olympic Pipeline and restore the area with native stream buffer vegetation adjacent to Sunset Creek.

**Approvals Required:** Critical Areas Land Use Permit approval and ancillary permits and approvals

**SEPA:** Exempt

**Minimum Comment Period Ends:** March 15, 2018, 5 PM. Refer to page one for information

on how to comment on a project.

**Date of Application:** February 2, 2018 **Completeness Date:** February 20, 2018 **Applicant Contact:** Carla Woodworth,

GeoEngineers, 425-861-6012, cwoodworth@geoengineers.com

Planner: Reilly Pittman, 425-452-4350 Planner Email: <u>rpittman@bellevuewa.gov</u>

### **Notice of Recommendation**

# NOTICE OF RECOMMENDATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Bellevue Place Helistop Location: 10500 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St Subarea: Downtown Bellevue File Number: 17-104804-LB

**Description:** Proposed revocation of an approved Conditional Use Permit authorized by Ordinance 6000 for Kemper Development

Company to operate a helistop.

**Director's Recommendation:** Denial **Concurrency Determination:** N/A

**SEPA:** Exempt

Public Hearing: March 22, 2018, 6 PM; Bellevue City Hall; 450 110th Ave NE, Hearing Room: Council Chambers Date of Application: January 25, 2017 Completeness Date: February 16, 2017 Notice of Application Date: March 2, 2017

and re-noticed on March 9, 2017

**Applicant:** Ina Tateuchi

Applicant Contact: Josh Whited, 206-441-

1069, whited@ekwlaw.com

Planner: Reilly Pittman, 425-452-4350 Planner Email: <a href="mailto:rpittman@bellevuewa.gov">rpittman@bellevuewa.gov</a> NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

**PROJECT NAME:** Energize Eastside

**PROPONENT:** Puget Sound Energy (PSE)

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** Portions of Bellevue, Newcastle, Redmond, Renton, and unincorporated King County between the Sammamish Substation at 9221 Willows Road NE, Redmond, WA 98052, and the Talbot Hill Substation at 2400 South Puget Drive, Renton, WA 98055.

percentage approximately 16 to 18 miles of new 230 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission lines and add a new substation (Richards Creek) at the Lakeside substation in Bellevue to connect two existing bulk energy systems (one to the north in Redmond and one to the south in Renton), supply future electrical capacity, and improve electrical grid reliability for Eastside communities. Project details and plans are available in the project file and on the project website at www.EnergizeEastsideEIS.org.

**FILE NUMBER:** 14-139122-LE

EIS REQUIRED: On April 30, 2015, the Environmental Coordinator for the City of Bellevue, serving as lead agency, published a Notice of Determination of Significance, indicating that this proposal could have a significant adverse impact on the environment and required preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). On January 28, 2016, the lead agency issued a Phase 1 Programmatic Draft EIS, which evaluated alternative methods to achieve PSE's project objectives. On May 8, 2017, the lead agency issued a Phase 2 Draft EIS, which analyzed several alternatives for overhead 230 kV lines and a new substation. A Final EIS has been prepared to analyze PSE's Proposed Alignment, including one option for the Newcastle segment that was not described in the Phase 2 Draft EIS. The EIS is not a permit - it is one of many sets of information

permitting agencies will consider as they decide whether to approve the project and issue necessary permits.

**AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL EIS: The** Final EIS may be viewed online or downloaded the project website www.EnergizeEastsideEIS.org. Copies of the EIS on thumb drive are available at no charge. Printed copies are available to purchase for the cost of reproduction of \$275 for Volume 1 (Final EIS) and Volume 2 (technical appendices), and a CD of Volumes 3 and 4 (response to comments). Printed copies of Volumes 3 and 4 are available for additional request. Email upon info@EnergizeEastsideEIS.org for more information.

**LEAD AGENCY:** The City of Bellevue is the SEPA lead agency under WAC 197-11-932, and issued a letter of lead agency status to the Partner Cities (Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond, and Renton) on September 15, 2014. Bellevue is the nominal lead and each Partner City is a co-lead agency for the proposal pursuant to WAC 197-11-944.

PHASED REVIEW: The Phase 1 Programmatic Draft EIS was completed and subject to public comment. Under WAC 197-11-060(5) the purpose of the Phase 1 Draft EIS was to evaluate, at a more general level, the environmental impacts of alternative methods to address the electrical transmission capacity deficiency identified by PSE. The Phase 2 Draft EIS evaluated project-level alternatives. The Final EIS evaluates PSE's Proposed Alignment and responds to comments on the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Draft EISs.

## EIS ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

WAC 197-11-440(5)(b) states that a reasonable alternative means an action that could feasibly attain or approximate a proposal's objectives, but at a lower environmental cost or decreased level of environmental degradation. Reasonable alternatives may be those over which an agency with jurisdiction has authority to control impacts, either directly or indirectly through requirement of mitigation measures. Following receipt and consideration of public comment on the Phase 1 Draft EIS and Phase 2

Draft EIS, the Final EIS incorporates the information from both phases.

ALTERNATIVES: In addition to the No Action Alternative required under SEPA, the Phase 1 Draft EIS analyzed the environmental impacts of three alternatives. The Phase 2 Draft EIS evaluated environmental impacts of one alternative with 12 possible project scenario combinations. The alternatives evaluated in the Phase 2 Draft EIS are still under consideration by the Partner Cities. The Final EIS adds to and refines the alternatives under consideration.

The Final EIS considers PSE's Proposed Alignment which includes two optional designs within the City of Newcastle and a No Action Alternative. PSE's Proposed Alignment is composed of two main components:

- New 230 kV overhead transmission lines, connecting the Sammamish substation in Redmond and the Talbot Hill substation in Renton, a distance of approximately 16 miles, within PSE's existing 115 kV transmission corridor; and
- 2. A new substation, called the Richards Creek substation, adjacent to the existing Lakeside substation in Bellevue.

# HOW TO APPEAL THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Under SEPA, the adequacy of the Final EIS may be appealed only after the City of Bellevue or a Partner City has taken a specific government action. RCW 43.21C.075; WAC 197-11-680. As explained above, the Final EIS provides information that Bellevue and the Partner Cities will consider as they decide whether to approve the project and issue necessary permits. An appeal of the adequacy of the Final EIS must be linked to a specific government action, and permit issuance by a Partner City is an example of such an action. However, because Bellevue and the Partner Cities have not yet taken a specific government action, the adequacy of the Final EIS may not be appealed at this time. If Bellevue or a Partner City takes such action in the future, notice of the government action and specific appeal information will be provided.

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