



Planning and Community Development Department

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TYPE II

NOTICE OF APPLICATION and OPTIONAL DNS PROCESS

DR2025-0004 and SEP2025-0006

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Community Development Department (PCDD) has received an application for a **design review permit and SEPA environmental review** for the following project:

Project Name: Whatcomm 911 Call Center

Project Description: Proposed construction of a new approximately 8,000 square foot (sf), single story, 911 dispatch center ("Whatcomm") with staff parking lot and landscaped areas. Construction of the new building is proposed to occur while the existing dispatch center remains operational to prevent a lapse in public safety service. Demolition of the existing building is proposed once the new building is functioning. The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) determined that the existing building proposed for demolition is not eligible for listing on a historic register nor is it contributing to a historic district (Project 2024-03-01782).

Commercial design review is required per BMC 20.25.020(E)(2) because the scope is development of an office building. SEPA environmental review is required per BMC 16.20.090(D) because the building is larger than 5,000 sf.

Project Location: 2425 Iron Street. Area 9 of the Sunnyland Neighborhood, zoned Public Governmental services.

Applicant: Stephen Trigueiro, SHKS Architects, 1050 N 38th ST, Seattle WA 98103

Comments Due By: 4/1/2025

Environmental Review: The proposed project has been reviewed for probable adverse impacts and the PCDD expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for this project (as described in WAC 197-11-355). **This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.**

The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared; and a copy of the subsequent threshold determination for the specific proposal may be obtained upon request.

Existing Environmental Documents:

- SEPA environmental checklist prepared by Carol Rofkar, Superintendent of Facilities, City of Bellingham dated 2/13/2025.
- Plans Set including existing conditions survey, preliminary civil plans, floor plans, building elevations, site plan, renderings, and landscape plan prepared by SHKS Architects dated 2/13/2025.

- Design Review Narrative and Departure Requests prepared by SHKS Architects dated 2/14/2025.
- Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) determination of ineligibility, Project 2024-03-01782, prepared by Maddie Levesque dated 3/15/2024.

The following conditions have been identified that may be used to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of the proposal:

- **NONE**

This notice and the site plan are available for viewing at <http://www.cob.org/notices> or, in the Permit Center at City Hall. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal, is invited to submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2025.

The final decision on this proposal may be appealed in accordance with Bellingham Municipal Code 21.10.250.

Date Application Received: 2/18/2025

Date of Complete Application: 3/18/2025

Date of Notice of Application: 3/18/2025

Other Known Required Permits: One percent for the arts selection and installation, Street tree permit, Demolition and construction permit(s)

Send written comments and requests for information to:

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**2425 Iron Street
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A decision will be made on the project following the comment period. If you want to receive notification of the action, please complete and return this section to the Planning and Community Development Department, City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Attn: Sara Ullman, Planner **Yes, I would like to know the action taken.**

Name _____

Address _____
(including City, Zip)