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Subject: SEPA Notice of Action Taken

Project Name: Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) – Pritchard Building Rehabilitation and Expansion Project (2022-554)

Description of Proposal: The project involves rehabilitating and expanding the Joel M. Pritchard building, which served as the State Library until 2001. The goal is to enhance the building's functionality while preserving its character. The existing single-level reading room will be rehabilitated, while the book stacks volume will be demolished and replaced. A three-story addition will extend into the parking lot, matching the height of adjacent buildings. The project aims to modernize the building for legislative office use while respecting its historical significance and maintaining the surrounding architectural context.

The rehabilitation and expansion of the Pritchard Building will incorporate seismic retrofits that anticipate potential slope failure of the adjacent hillside under earthquake conditions. A structural connection will be established between the existing building and the new addition. The project also includes improvements at the intersection of Water Street Southwest and 15th Avenue Southwest, such as a diagonal diverter and reconstruction of the northwest corner to facilitate better traffic flow.

Location of Proposal: Washington State Capitol Campus

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1.0 Notice of Action Taken

Notice is given under RCW 43.21C.080, that the Department of Enterprise Services will proceed with the Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) Pritchard Building Rehabilitation and Expansion Project as proposed.

2.0 Action Deadline

Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before October 10, 2023.

3.0 Description of Agency Action

The Department of Enterprise Services made the decision to proceed with the proposal as described.

4.0 Type of Environmental Review

The Department of Enterprise Services is the SEPA lead agency for the proposal and reviewed project information, prepared a SEPA Environmental Checklist, and determined the project does not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment. The Determination of Nonsignificance was issued on May 26, 2023, with a comment period that ended on June 9, 2023. A SEPA environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

5.0 Document Availability

To request SEPA documentation for this project, please email DESSEPA@des.wa.gov.

6.0 Signature

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