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Subject: SEPA Notice of Action Taken

Project Name: Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) Newhouse Building Replacement Project (2021-180)

Description of Proposal: This proposal will rebuild the Newhouse Building at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue SW. The existing building has significant health and life safety hazards and must be replaced.

The Newhouse Building houses Senate member offices and Senate support functions, caucus functions, the Senate Page Room, and the Joint Senate House Page School.

The proposed replacement Newhouse building is four-stories and is designed consistent with the height of the neighboring buildings with the intent to maintain the hierarchy of the original grouping of buildings. The ground floor will have space for Senate Security, a Public Meeting Room, and the joint legislative Page School. The second, third, and fourth floors will provide Senate member offices, support functions, Legislative Ethics, and Caucus spaces.

The Carlyon House (201 Sid Snyder Avenue SW) and Ayers Duplex (1417 Columbia Street SW), known collectively as the Press House structures, are also located on this block. Additionally, the Visitor Center (870 square feet and built in 1981) is located at 103 Sid Snyder Avenue SW. All three structures will be demolished, removed, or deconstructed as site preparation for the Newhouse Building Replacement project.

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) Newhouse Building Replacement 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 December 9th, 2022.

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 September 2nd, 2022, with a comment period that ended on September 16th, 2022. 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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