

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

# DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES

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Subject: SEPA Notice of Action Taken

Project Name: Capitol Campus General Administration Building Demolition

**Description of Proposal:** This proposal involves demolishing the vacant six-story, 283,865-square-

foot General Administration (GA) Building. Built in 1956, the building is

listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

According to the National Park Service evaluation sheet for the 2007 General Administration Building National Register of Historic Places Nomination, "The General Administration Building is significant at the statewide level under National Register Criteria A and C in Architecture and Government/Politics. As the first major building completed on the capitol campus after the Depression, the General Administration Building reflects the state government's significant growth post-World War II period and the critical, court-directed centralization of state functions in Olympia. Completed in 1956, the building is an outstanding example of Modernist (International Style) design by respected Tacoma architect A. Gordon Lumm." The building is an important landmark in the

development and growth of state government.

The building will be demolished due to safety concerns and outdated structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. The project also includes capping all utilities and mitigating all hazardous materials.

After demolition, a temporary 293-stall parking lot will be built with landscaping, utilities, and potentially a new restroom building. The

parking lot will cover roughly 120,000 square feet.

Location of Proposal: 210 11th Avenue SW, Olympia, WA 98501

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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 Capitol Campus General Administration Building Demolition 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 November 20, 2024.

## 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 August 12, 2024, with a comment period that ended on September 11, 2024. 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 <a href="mailto:DESSEPA@des.wa.gov">DESSEPA@des.wa.gov</a>.

## 6.0 Signature

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