

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY WSCTC FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed expansion of the Washington State Convention & Trade Center (WSCTC) will be available as of September 3, 1996.

The proposed action is the expansion of the existing WSCTC in downtown Seattle by the addition of between 250,000 and 310,000 gross square feet of floor area. This expanded area would include between 100,000 and 125,000 square feet of heavy-load exhibition space. The remainder of the gross square footage would include meeting rooms, prefunction areas, support areas, mechanical equipment rooms, and lobby areas.

The EIS discusses two build alternatives, the North Alternative and the East Alternative, in addition to the No-Action Alternative. There are two development components that would occur under either of the build alternatives:

- Development of the vacant parcel (Corner Parcel) on the corner of 7th Avenue and Pike Street which is presently owned by WSCTC; and
- The transfer of the management of the 565 space City-owned Freeway Park garage to the WSCTC, enabling the coordination of its use with WSCTC events.

The two build alternatives and the No-Action Alternative, were evaluated in the DEIS. Two public workshops/hearings were conducted and written comments were submitted. After review of the DEIS and the comments received during and after the public meetings, the WSCTC Board of Directors identified the North Alternative as the preferred alternative for the expansion of the WSCTC.

After September 10, 1996, the Board of Directors may select either of the build alternatives, or the No-Action Alternative. If one of the build alternatives is selected, land acquisition, detailed design and permitting will proceed on the selected alternative. The expansion would be open in Fall, 2000.

A limited number of the complete FEIS are available for check-out at the WSCTC offices at the address below. Additional copies of the complete document may be purchased at Kinko's in the WSCTC Galleria, Level 1. Copies are also available for review at the Downtown Seattle Public Library, 1000 4th Avenue, and at the Henry Public Library, 425 Harvard Avenue East on Capitol Hill.

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