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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 11-119037 AC

Project Name/Address: Master Planning Policy Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Planner: Paul Inghram AICP
Phone Number: 425-452-4070

Minimum Comment Period Ends: August 12, 2011

Materials included in this Notice:

- [x] Blue Bulletin
- [x] Checklist
- [ ] Vicinity Map
- [ ] Plans
- [ ] Other:

CITY OF BELLEVUE
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
(Integrated SEPA/GMA Process)

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PROPOSAL TITLE: Master Planning Comprehensive Plan Amendment

PROPERTY OWNERS' NAME: N/A

PROPOSAL LOCATION (street address and nearest cross street or intersection as well as a legal description if available): citywide

PROPONENT'S NAME: City of Bellevue, Department of Planning and Community Development

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: Paul Inghram AICP

CONTACT PERSON'S ADDRESS: Department of Planning and Community Development
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL'S SCOPE AND NATURE:

1. **General description:**
   This amendment would provide a Comprehensive Plan framework for City master planning processes. It would facilitate projects that span multiple phases and involving multiple departments and structures. Such amendment will also clarify the master planning process and its relationships to permitting and would include an enhanced public involvement role. Certain uses would be allowed only through a master planning process.

2. **Site acreage:** N/A
3. **Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished:** N/A
4. **Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed:** N/A
5. **Square footage of buildings to be demolished:** N/A
6. **Square footage of buildings to be constructed:** N/A
7. **Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards):** N/A
8. **Proposed land use:** N/A
9. **Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:** N/A.

10. **Other:**

Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

The Master Planning Policy CPA is being reviewed as part of the 2011 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA) work program and was initiated by action of the City Council on July 5, 2011.

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No.

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

- Determination of Non-Significance – Comprehensive Plan Update (Bellevue) – fall 2004

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known. There are no applications pending.

Provide a list of any known government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

Ordinance action by the City Council.

B. Environmental Elements

No discussion of the individual Environmental Elements is required for GMA actions per WAC 197-11-235.3.b.

C. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (do not use this sheet for project actions)

SUMMARY

Project Summary: This is a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The project is described in more detail under General Description on page 1.

Environmental Summary per WAC 197-11-235(3)(b):

State the proposal's objectives: To comply with the requirements of the GMA by amending the Comprehensive Plan for direction on consistency with adopted master plans.

Specify the purpose and need to which the proposal is responding: Keeping the Comprehensive Plan up to date.

State the major conclusions, significant areas of controversy and uncertainty: None.

State the issues to be resolved, including the environmental choices to be made among alternative courses of action: None.

State the impacts of the proposal, including any significant adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated: The proposal is a non-project action to update the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Growth Management Act provisions.

Describe any proposed mitigation measures and their effectiveness: No specific development is being approved with this proposal. Future development under the provisions of the regulation will be subject to SEPA review, as well as to the city's development regulations.

1. **How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

   The plan amendments proposed will not directly increase discharges to water, emissions to air, produce, store or release toxic or hazardous substances, or produce noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: None.

2. **How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?**

   There are no known direct impacts to plants, animals, fish or marine life that will result from the proposal.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: None.

3. **How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

   The proposal is not likely to deplete energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to project or conserve energy and natural resources are: None.

4. **How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

   There are no known direct impacts to sensitive areas, habitat, historic sites or other protected areas that will result from the proposal.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: None.

5. **How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

The proposal is not likely to affect land and shoreline use.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: None.

6. **How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

The proposal itself does not increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: None.

7. **Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

No conflicts are known or anticipated.

D. **The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.**

Signature_____

Date Submitted_____