



City of Mount Vernon  
Community & Economic Development  
910 Cleveland Avenue  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Skagit County  
Planning & Development Services  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

## **Skagit County Jail Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

**Final EIS Availability:** In accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), a Final EIS for the Skagit County Jail has been issued. The Final EIS includes responses to comments received during the Draft EIS comment period and additions, corrections, and clarifications to the Draft EIS.

**Proposal Description:** A new Skagit County Jail is being proposed by Skagit County to replace the existing, overcrowded Skagit County Jail. The proposed facility is considered an Essential Public Facility and would provide infrastructure to serve the residents, cities/towns, and tribes of Skagit County over the next 15 to 20 years. The project is also intended to accommodate future jail infrastructure needs over a 40- to 50-year planning horizon. Alternatives being considered include no action and construction of a new, expanded jail facility on two alternative sites in the City of Mount Vernon—the Alf Christianson Seed Site and the Truck City/Suzanne Lane Site. A new, expanded jail would accommodate 400 inmate beds at immediate build-out and up to 800 inmate beds at full build-out.

**Proposal Locations:** The 7.8-acre Alf Christianson Seed Site is located on 21 parcels within the corporate limits of Mount Vernon, Washington. This site is bound by East Kincaid Street to the north, Interstate-5 to the east, East Section Street to the south, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to the west (Township 34N Range 4E Section 20). The 10.4-acre Truck City/Suzanne Lane Site is located on 5 parcels within the corporate limits of Mount Vernon, Washington. This site is bound by Old Highway 99 South Road to the west, Interstate-5 to the east, McFarland Lane to the north of the site, and Suzanne Lane to the south of the site (Township 34N Range 4E Section 32).

**Lead Agency:** The City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County are co-lead agencies. The City of Mount Vernon is the nominal lead agency and is responsible for complying with the duties of the lead agency under SEPA (WAC 197-11-944).

**Responsible Official and Contact Person:** Jana Hanson, Director, Community & Economic Development Department, City of Mount Vernon, (360) 336-6214.

**Locations to View the Final EIS:** The Final EIS may be viewed at the Mount Vernon Municipal Library, Mount Vernon City Hall, and Skagit County Planning and Development Services Department. A downloadable version of the Final EIS is viewable online at [www.mountvernonwa.gov](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov) and [www.skagitcounty.net](http://www.skagitcounty.net). A copy of the document may be purchased from the City or County for \$0.15 per page plus actual postage or a compact disc (CD) may be obtained from the County at no charge.

**Date Issued:** March 3, 2014

**Published:** March 3, 2014