



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS & DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Proposed are amendments to the City of Mount Vernon's Comprehensive Plan with an updated Capital Improvement Plan, providing capital facilities planning for the years 2024-2029. **City File No: PLAN23-0274.**

APPLICANT: City of Mount Vernon

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: City-wide

LEAD AGENCY: Mount Vernon Development Services Department

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14-days from the date below.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION COMMENT PROCESS: Comments on the CIP and this Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) must be submitted, in writing, no later than **August 17, 2023**. Comments should be as specific as possible and those submitting comments are required to comply with the following:

- All comments must include: your full name, your mailing address, and (3) the name of the proposal you are commenting on.
- If you wish to submit comments electronically you must upload your comments into the city's online permit portal because comments are NOT accepted via email. To upload comments into the City's permit portal navigate to: <https://ci-mountvernon-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home> once on this page you must create a user account by clicking "Sign Up" located at the upper right corner of the webpage. Once you have created and verified your user account log into the system and click on "Go" in the My Portal box, and then on the next page that appears click on "Apply" in the Apply Online box. On the new page that appears under Step 1 select "Public Comments" and on Step 2 select "Public Comments for Land Use Permits"
- Comments submitted on paper are required to be mailed to the address provided for the Staff Person listed within this notice.

Comments received within the 14-days will be reviewed and considered by the Development Services Department. Those persons wishing to submit comments will receive a response from the Responsible Official prior to the end of the SEPA appeal period.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION APPEAL PROCESS: Appeals of the environmental determination must be filed in writing on or before 4:30 PM **August 28, 2023** (10 days following the 14-day comment period).

SEPA appeals must be filed in writing together with the required \$100.00 application fee with: Hearing Examiner, City of Mount Vernon, 910 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Appeals to the Examiner are governed by City of Mount Vernon Municipal Code Section 15.06.215. Additional information regarding the appeal process may be obtained from the City of Mount Vernon Development Services Department, (306)336-6214.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public Hearings to consider the above-described plan, are scheduled before the Mount Vernon Planning Commission on **Tuesday, September 19, 2023** at 6 p.m. and before the Mount Vernon City Council starting at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**. The Planning Commission and City Council hearings will be held at the City’s Police and Court Campus located at 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. The Planning Commission will review the proposed CIP and will make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will make the final decision on the adoption of the CIP.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH EMAIL. Items submitted not meeting the requirements of this section are considered as not being received by the city. Any person may comment on the application, receive notice and request a copy of the decision once it is made. To receive additional information regarding this project contact the Development Services Department and ask to become a party of record.

City staff has created a page on the City’s permit portal where the draft CIP and other pertinent information can be viewed by following these directions: navigate to: <https://ci-mountvernon-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home> once on this webpage click on the brown “GO” link under the heading “Public Notices”. Type in the project number identified in this notice into the search bar near the top of the screen. Click on the project number listed below the search bar when it appears.

Written and verbal comments may also be presented/submitted at the hearings. Comments should be as specific as possible. The project case files are available at the City of Mount Vernon. To view the files, you may request them by emailing city staff at: PermitTech@mountvernonwa.gov or by viewing the materials on the City’s permit portal, as described above.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

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