

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE

A. Academic and Student Affairs

In Joint Session With

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

SIS (Skagit, Island & Snohomish Counties) Academic Planning Update

See Attached.

UW North Campus - Update

OVERVIEW

The 2007 Legislature directed the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the University of Washington (UW) to recommend sites and develop an academic plan for a new UW campus in North Puget Sound. Site recommendations and a preliminary plan are due to Governor Gregoire and the Legislature by November 15, 2007. The final plan is due June 2008. The two overarching goals for the new campus are to serve the needs of area residents with a comprehensive array of degree options and to advance economic development and global competitiveness for the state by focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degrees.

ACADEMIC PLAN

Building on the UW's experience in Tacoma, Bothell and Seattle, the new campus would develop strength in delivering *experiential* learning to students studying in STEM, business, education, and health-related fields. This innovative approach involves students in real-world settings, working side-by-side with practitioners on projects for business, health care, government and non-profit organizations. This method of teaching and learning requires that the campus be located in close proximity to diverse business and civic engagement opportunities for students. The campus will initially enroll upper division students who wish to complete baccalaureate degrees. Freshmen and sophomores will be admitted gradually and deliberately in accordance with a campus plan to be submitted to the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

As authorized by the legislature, OFM administered an open and competitive process to hire NBBJ of Seattle to help assess options and make recommendations for a permanent campus site. In July, OFM put out a call for site proposals and 73 were submitted for consideration. A second call for proposals in August netted an additional 11 sites. Each site was evaluated for its ability to support the academic plan, for effective transportation options among population centers within the three-county region, and for size and land use suitability for long-term campus development.

At the end of August, OFM and the UW made a "first cut" on the list of proposed sites, narrowing the field to nine candidates. Recently the list of sites was winnowed further to four sites (see the map accompanying this Update). Note that the Marysville site is actually a composite of three contiguous sites that were submitted separately. Those three sites will be treated as one for the purposes of further evaluation. By November 15th, NBBJ will deliver a report with their recommendations to the Governor and Legislature that will include at least three possible sites for their consideration.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A comprehensive plan for ensuring community involvement in this process continues. The Governor's office and the UW have met with local education, business and labor, and civic leaders. See the reverse for a list of some of the meetings held throughout the summer and fall.

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STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND TOWN HALLS

JULY 27:

- Island County Business Roundtable, hosted by Sharon Hart, Island County Economic Development Council (EDC), *Oak Harbor*
- Snohomish, Island and Skagit K-12 Superintendents, hosted by Jerry Jenkins, Educational Service District 189, *Marysville*

AUGUST 14:

- Skagit County Business Roundtable, hosted by Don Wick, Skagit County EDC, *Mt. Vernon*
- Everett Stakeholders, hosted by Ray Stephanson, City of Everett, *Everett*
- Citizen Town Hall, *Stanwood High School Performing Arts Center, 7:00 pm*

AUGUST 15:

- Snohomish County Business Roundtable, hosted by Deborah Knutsen, Sno County EDC, *Everett*
- Snohomish, Island and Skagit Healthcare providers, hosted by Dave Brooks, Providence Medical, *Everett*
- Citizen Town Hall, *Skagit Valley College, 7:00 pm*

AUGUST 22:

- Island County and Port Commissioners and Mayors, hosted by the Council of Governments
- Snohomish, Island and Skagit Non-profit sector, hosted by Carl Zapora, United Ways of Washington, *Arlington*
- Snohomish County Council and City Councils and Mayors, hosted by Aaron Reardon, *City of Snohomish*

SEPTEMBER 19:

- Congressional delegation staff briefing
- Skagit County and Port Commissioners and Mayors, hosted by the Council of Governments, *Burlington*

SEPTEMBER 26:

- Tribes in the three-county region, hosted by the Swinomish Tribe, *Anacortes*
- Citizen Town Hall, *Oak Harbor High School Field House, 7:00 pm*

OCTOBER 3:

- Citizen Town Hall, *Everett Events Center, 7:00 pm*

October 10

- Everett Chamber of Commerce, *Everett*

October 11

- Marysville Stakeholders, hosted by Dennis Kendall, City of Marysville, *Arlington*

October 26

- Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce, *Marysville*

OCTOBER 29

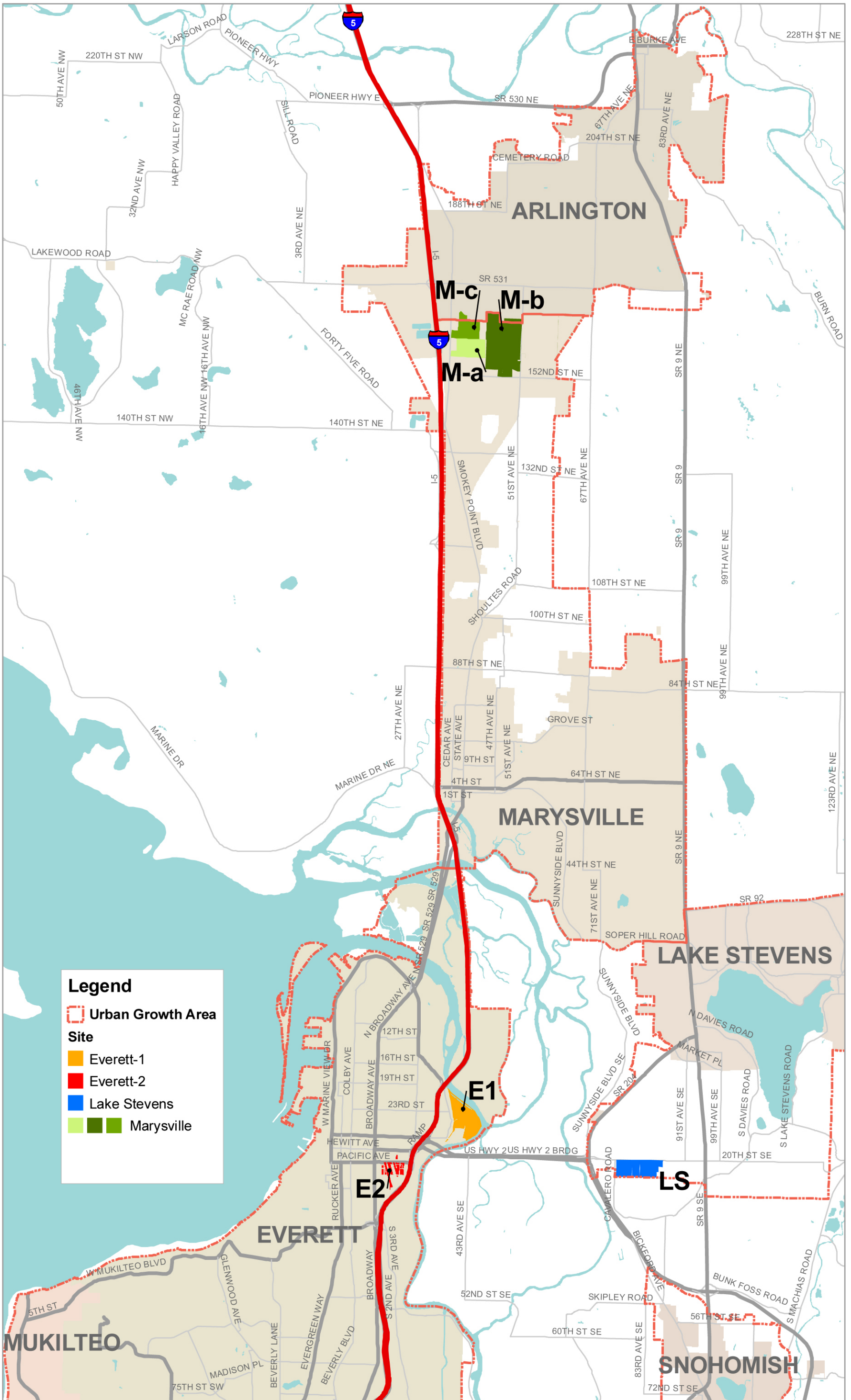
- Citizen Town Hall, Cavalero Mid-High School, *Lake Stevens, 7:00 pm*

OCTOBER 30

- Citizen Town Hall, Pilchuck High School, *Marysville, 7:00 pm*

November 13

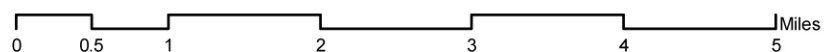
- Arlington Chamber of Commerce, *Arlington*



Four Sites Identified for Additional Analysis and Consideration

University of Washington North Puget Sound Site Recommendation Process

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