

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
UW FACILITIES, ASSET MANAGEMENT**

DATE: April 21, 2022

SUBJECT: SEPA Categorical Exemption

Per RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11 and WAC 478-324-020 through 210, the University of Washington (UW) is the Lead Agency responsible for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for projects which the University initiates. Public notice of categorical exemptions is not required per WAC 197-11-305(2) which states “an agency is not required to document that a proposal is categorically exempt.” Agencies may note on an application that a proposal is categorically exempt or place such a determination in agency files.

NAME: UWMC Membrane Replacement Project

LOCATION: UW Seattle Campus

HISTORY: The project identifies an existing membrane between a courtyard and building structure below that is leaking and requires replacement.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project objective is to provide a long-term solution to the ongoing threat of water infiltration underneath the UW Medical Center northeast and northwest courtyard. Currently water ingress into clinical areas, laboratories and the emergency department occur. The existing hardscape and some ornamental landscape (over existing structure) will be removed to expose the existing waterproofing. A new waterproofing membrane, flashing, hardscape and landscape, lighting and pedestrian canopies will be installed. (See the next page for project location between UWMC and NE Pacific Street.)

Transportation logistics will be provided to maintain access to the UW Medical Center and local bus stops. The construction will occur in four phases to maintain access for all transportation modes including pedestrians, bicycles, autos, shuttles and transit. Construction is anticipated to occur July 2022 to approximately July 2025.

SEPA DETERMINATION: This project is categorically exempt per WAC 197-11-800(3) of the State Environmental Policy Act. This section exempts repair, remodeling, maintenance or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment, including utilities, involving no material expansions or changes to the existing use. No adverse environmental impacts are associated with this project.

Aerial Site View

