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Mountlake Terrace to Hold Open House On Draft Impact Study for Town Center

An open house will be held July 10 between 7:00 and 8:30 pm at the Mountlake Terrace City Hall Council Chambers for the public to view and comment on the results of a draft environmental study for downtown development.

The study compared the impacts, including traffic impacts, of development that would occur under proposed downtown zoning regulations versus under existing zoning regulations. Each alternative was determined to have certain impacts, as well as options to reduce the impacts.

Proposed new zoning regulations would implement the Town Center Plan, which was adopted in February, 2007. By state law and City code, zoning regulations and the plan must be consistent with each other. The Town Center Plan calls for a revitalized downtown, with mixed uses that include new shops, restaurants, offices, and housing, as well as wide sidewalks, street trees, and an attractive public plaza.

"Downtown" is considered to be the area along 56th Avenue SW between 244th Street SW and almost to 228th Street SW. It is mostly one block wide, but in the north end it spreads out to three blocks wide.

The open house will include displays of maps and key information from the impact study. City staff, as well as an assistance team from Jones and Stokes, will be on hand to take comments and answer questions.

July 17 is the end of the public comment period for the draft study. After comments are considered, a final environmental impact statement will be prepared and issued mid-August.

The draft environmental impact statement may be viewed online at www.cityofmlt/cityservices/planning/towncenter/towncenter.htm or by hard copy at both the Mountlake Terrace Library and City Hall.

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