



General Ground Rules for Commenting at the EIS Scoping Meetings

Six EIS Scoping meetings are scheduled between January 6 through 15 to provide an opportunity for agencies, organizations and the public to offer comments regarding the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed **North/East Cities Regional Municipal Jail**. These meetings provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the EIS. Written comments will be accepted through January 30, 2009. Submit them to: Andy Ishizaki, c/o NEC Regional Municipal Jail EIS, 700 Fifth Ave., Suite 5200, P.O. Box 94689, Seattle WA, 98124-4689, or via email to MunicipalJailSEPA@seattle.gov

For the EIS Scoping meetings, the following ground rules will apply:

1. The purpose of EIS Scoping is to determine what should be analyzed in the EIS and to focus the EIS analysis on probable significant adverse impacts and reasonable alternatives. Detailed, substantive comments are very helpful. Expressions of opinions, subjective statements and positions for or against the jail project should be avoided, as they do not help define the scope of the EIS.
2. The meetings are opportunities to hear from everyone regarding the scope of the EIS. Everyone who wants to offer oral comments will be given that opportunity. However, comments/questions will not be responded to during the formal public comment portion of the scoping meetings.
3. Equal weight will be given to all oral and written comments regarding the scope of the EIS. A comment offered once has the same weight as one repeated 100 times. Therefore, it is not necessary to repeat comments already offered by other speakers.
4. All oral comments presented at the EIS Scoping meetings will be recorded by the court reporter and a transcript of comments will be produced.
5. If you would like to present oral comments, please sign-in on the sign-up sheets near the entry to the meeting room (if you wish to be added to the EIS mailing list, please provide the requested contact information). Names will be called in the order received. When your name is called, please proceed to the microphone to present your comments so that they can be recorded.
6. When presenting comments, please provide your name and address so that the court reporter has an accurate record.
7. A time limit on the length of oral comments will be adhered to at each meeting to ensure everyone has an opportunity to provide comments. If you represent an agency or organization, please limit your comments to **5 minutes**. If you are speaking as an individual, please limit your comments to **3 minutes**. After everyone has had a chance to offer comments, individuals may request an additional 3 minutes to conclude their comments.
8. Be respectful of the speakers and please do not interrupt.
9. Comment forms will be available for those who wish to provide written comments at the meetings.
10. Silence your cell phone's ringer and please do not use your cell phone in the meeting room.