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Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS)

Description of Proposal: Vancouver School District proposes to construct a new three-story 78,000-sq.-ft. school. The school, called iTech Preparatory, will serve 700 students in grades 6 through 12 who are focusing their studies in science, technology, engineering and math. iTech is being constructed on an almost five acre parcel of vacant property that is owned by Washington State University Vancouver. The school site is located near NE 50th Avenue and NE 159th Street. The school will contain classrooms, science labs, maker spaces, fitness activity spaces, a full kitchen, an outdoor covered play area, a media resource center and commons. The northern portion of the five-acre site, mainly where a parking lot will be constructed, contains an archeology site. An archaeological survey was done and archeological site 45CL1311 has been recorded.

Proponent: Vancouver School District No. 37
2901 Falk Road
Vancouver, Washington

Location: 8100 NE 28th Street, Vancouver WA 98662
Parcel Nos. 109781000 and 109801000

Lead Agency: Vancouver School District No. 37

The Lead Agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impacts on the environment that cannot be mitigated. The Lead Agency is issuing this Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance, with the mitigation measures described below to mitigate impacts the proposal will have on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made following the review of a completed Environmental Checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The MDNS is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-350. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from date of issuance.

Mitigation Measures:

A work plan to address archaeological site 45CL1311 will be approved through the DAHP permit process.

- Upon acceptance by DAHP of a preliminary report documenting that the archaeological excavations have been performed and that the excavations adequately address the deposits, construction may begin.
- Archaeological monitoring during construction will follow a monitoring plan approved as part of the DAHP permit, perhaps modified based on the archaeological excavation findings.
- A complete archaeological excavation and monitoring report will be submitted once the monitoring has been completed.

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