

**Toxics Cleanup Program****October 2015****Proposal to Close Consent Decree &  
Remove Site from Ecology's Hazardous  
Sites List**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet to update you about the completion of cleanup actions at the former King County Department of Transportation Metro Transit South Dearborn Site (Site). The Site is located at 802 South Dearborn Street, Seattle, and includes two parcels, one east (tenants include ICHS), and one west (tenants include International District Chinatown Community Center and Seattle Public Library International District) of Eighth Avenue South.

Metro Transit entered into a legal agreement with Ecology to clean up the petroleum contamination at the Site. The agreement, called a Consent Decree (CD), was signed in 1994. The soil cleanup actions were conducted in 1995-1996. Ecology issued a "Notice of Completion for Soils Remediation" to Metro on June 28, 1996. The notice stated that the soils cleanup actions were completed with groundwater monitoring to continue. The Site was restored for beneficial use to the community, and groundwater monitoring was completed in 2012.

Ecology proposes to close the CD with the Cleanup Action Plan, and to delist the Site from the state Hazardous Sites List. Metro has completed all cleanup tasks and has satisfied the cleanup requirements under the CD and the state cleanup regulations. Based on the cleanup of the Site, a deed restriction for groundwater is no longer required.

**Public Comments Invited**

You are invited to review these Site documents on Ecology's Website or libraries listed on the right, and send your comments to Ecology:

- Soil Cleanup Report titled "Final Report –Contaminated Soil Remediation at Metro South Dearborn Site" by Enviros, Inc. 6/07/1996. Describes cleanup tasks conducted at this Site.
- Groundwater Compliance Cleanup Report titled "Groundwater Sampling Work Order No. 17" by CDM Smith, Inc. 4/06/2012. Describes groundwater cleanup in 1996-2012.

**Comments Accepted****Oct. 16 - Nov. 16, 2015****Submit Comments and Technical  
Questions to:**

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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup  
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<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6455>

## **Metro Transit South Dearborn**

- Ecology proposal to Close the Consent Decree with Cleanup Action Plan & delist this Site from the state Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology invites you to send your comments to Ecology by November 16, 2015. Send your written comments to [maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov) or by USA mail to 3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008. To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (425) 649-7117. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

### **Site Background and Cleanup Action**

Metro acquired the South Dearborn Site in 1974 for use in transit operations, including maintenance, fueling and storage. Before 1974, a private transit company owned and used the property. When Metro removed five underground storage tanks in 1990, Metro identified petroleum leakage and contaminated soils. The soils were contaminated with gasoline, diesel, oil, and solvents commonly added to gasoline. The solvents include benzene and 1,2-Dichloroethane. Later, groundwater was identified as having elevated petroleum and these two solvents.

The Site Cleanup Plan required three major tasks:

- Demolition of the structures on Site.
- Removal and treatment of petroleum contaminated soils.
- Treatment of deep soils and groundwater using vapor extraction with air-sparging system, and monitored natural attenuation.

Demolition of the buildings was completed in March 1995. Excavation and removal of petroleum contaminated soils was conducted in 1995-1996. Almost twice the volume of contaminated soils was removed than was initially estimated. Ecology sent a “Notice of Completion for Soils Remediation” to Metro on June 28, 1996, stating that the soils remediation was completed, with groundwater monitoring to continue. The Site was restored for beneficial use to the community.

With the increased volume of excavated soils, a much greater volume of source contamination was removed which reduced the need for groundwater treatment. In 1996, Ecology and Metro agreed to conduct Monitored Natural Attenuation for groundwater, which continued through 2012.

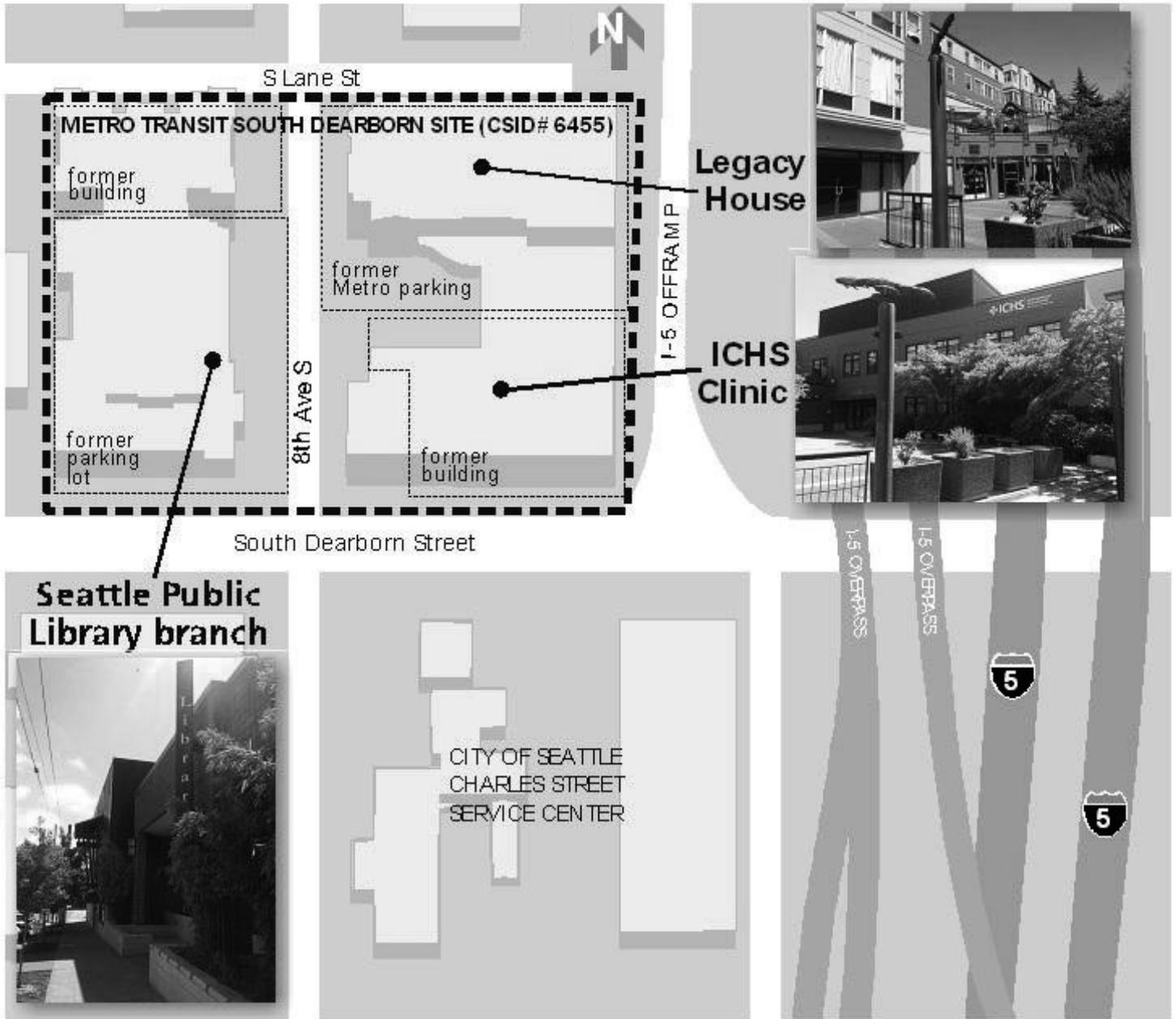
### **New Site Owner & Finishing Groundwater Cleanup**

The Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (PDA) signed a purchase agreement with Metro in 1995. The PDA purchased the Site in 1996. Metro continued groundwater treatment and monitoring. Metro’s April 6, 2012, Groundwater Compliance Cleanup Report showed that the Site had met groundwater standards. With the state cleanup regulations for the whole Site now satisfied, Ecology is proposing to remove the Site from the state Hazardous Sites List.

### **What Happens Next?**

Ecology will review all comments. If there are no significant changes needed for the proposal, Ecology will approve the petition to close the CD from King County Superior Court, and delist this Site from the state Hazardous Sites List. If there are significant changes, then Ecology will request a new public comment period.

# Site Map





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**Metro Transit South Dearborn Site  
(CSID# 6455) (FSID#:65124715)  
Ecology Proposal to Close Metro Transit South Dearborn Consent Decree  
Public Comment Period: October 16– November 16, 2015**

**Propuesta para cerrar el Decreto de Consentimiento y remover el sitio de la Lista de Sitios Peligrosos de Ecología  
Periodo de Comentario Público: 16 de octubre – 16 de noviembre, 2015**

Para obtener más información sobre esta limpieza en español o traducciones de otros materiales, favor de comunicarse con Luis Buen Abad al 425-649-4485, o por email al [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov). Debe hacer referencia al Sitio de “Metro Transit South Dearborn”.

**Mungkahing Wakasan ang Consent Decree at Alisin ang Site sa Listahan ng Mga Mapanganib na Site ng Ecology  
Panahon ng Pagkomento ng Publiko: Oktubre 16 – Nobyembre 16, 2015**

Upang makakuha ng higit pang impormasyon tungkol sa paglilinis na ito sa Filipino o para sa mga pagsasalin sa iba pang mga materyal, mangyaring makipag-ugnayan kay Jerome Cruz sa (425) 649-7094, o mag-email sa [jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov). Dapat kayong sumanguni sa Site ng Metro Transit South Dearborn

**終止同意法令和將本工地從本州危險物質污染地點名單除名的提議**

**大眾提供建議期間：十月十六日到十一月十六日** 若需關於本環境整治工

地中文訊息或文件，請聯系林昊，電話號碼(425) 649-7187，或電子郵件 [sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov)。如有對南笛而彭工地清理工作有建議，請您將意見寄給Maura OBrien，電子郵件

[maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov) 或郵政地址3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98008。

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**Thời hạn Góp ý Phê bình – October 16 – November 16, 2015**

Muốn thu nhận thêm tin tức về cuộc dọn sạch nơi đây bằng tiếng Việt hay cần phiên dịch các tài liệu khác, xin vui lòng liên lạc ông Lê Teddy, số (360) 407-6948, hoặc điện thư [teddy.le@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:teddy.le@ecy.wa.gov). Xin cho chúng tôi biết quý vị cần thêm tin tức liên quan đến Metro Transit South Dearborn Site. Xin gửi ý kiến phê bình đến Maura O'Brien qua điện thư [maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov) hoặc qua bưu chính của USA đến 3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008.