



# House of Providence Discussion

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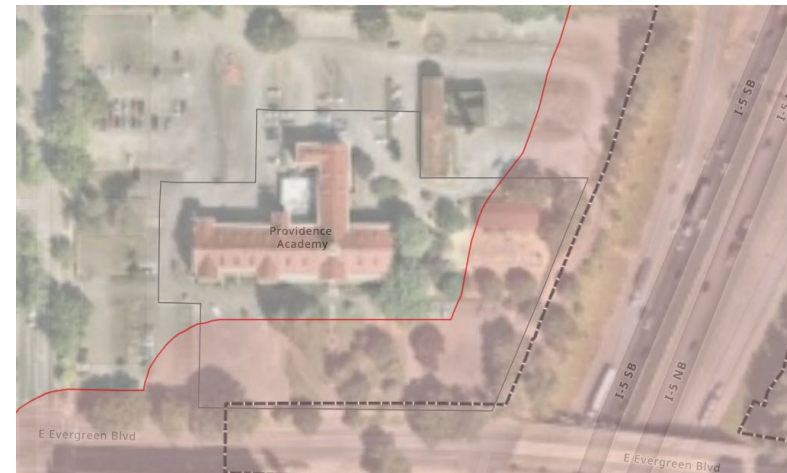
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# Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and introductions
- ▶ APE
- ▶ Finding of Effect
  - Determination of Eligibility
- ▶ Discussion

# Approach for APE Delineation

- ▶ The APE includes the limits of construction for the Modified LPA and all design options as proposed.
- ▶ From this initial boundary, an additional buffer of 100 feet was drawn to consider the potential effects to adjacent historic properties (setting, vibration, visual, auditory, atmospheric) caused by Program construction or operation.
- ▶ If the APE crosses a property boundary, all resources on that parcel were evaluated in a HBE survey.
- ▶ The APE and amendments to the APE have received concurrence from DAHP and OR SHPO.



# 2024 Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

- ▶ **Sought to resolve the following shortcomings of the 1978 Listing:**
  - Clear identification of NRHP eligibility criteria
  - Explicit identification and justification of period of significance
  - Comprehensively inventory of contributing and non-contributing elements
- ▶ **Documents the changes in the property's integrity since 1978 that are important to informing the Section 106 effects analysis for the specific purpose of this undertaking.**
- ▶ **We do not propose to formally update the 1978 NRHP listing or formally revise the boundary.**
- ▶ **Assessing effects using the 1978 boundary would not change FHWA and FTA's finding of no adverse effect for this property.**



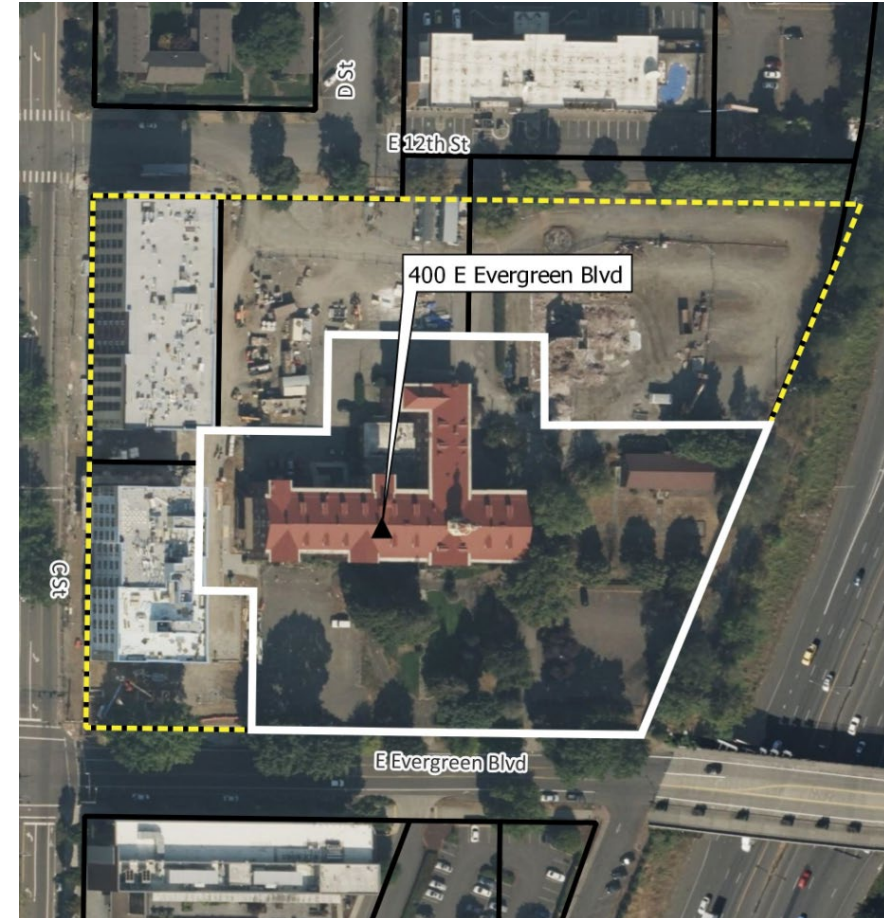
# 2024 DOE – NRHP Eligibility Criteria, Period of Significance, and Contributing Components

- ▶ State significance, Criterion A, in the areas of education, religion, and social history; Criterion B, for association with Mother Joseph; and Criterion C, in the areas of architecture and landscape architecture.
- ▶ Period of Significance, 1873—1924, begins with the date of construction of the main building, includes significant building and landscaping additions, and ends with the year the Sisters of Providence relocated to Seattle, marking a change in the administration of the property.
- ▶ The features of the property that have integrity sufficient to communicate the historic significance of the period 1873—1924 include the main building and some elements of the landscaping.



# 2024 DOE – NRHP Boundary

- ▶ Coincident with the property's current tax lot.
- ▶ Does not include any adjacent properties that 1) do not contribute to historic significance and 2) do not have sufficient integrity to convey historic significance.





# 2024 DOE – Integrity Loss of Quiet Setting

Providence Academy in the 1910s with perimeter wall (upper left).



Student recreation use at Providence Academy in the 1910s and 1920s (upper right).



Group gathering at House of Providence in the late 1950s (lower left).



View of House of Providence with the newly built I-5, 1956 (lower right)





# 2024 DOE – Non-Contributing Kindergarten Building

- ▶ Based on the date of construction, 1943-1944, the kindergarten building does not contribute to the historic significance of the House of Providence building (period of significance 1873-1924).





# Finding of Effect

## House of Providence/ Providence Academy

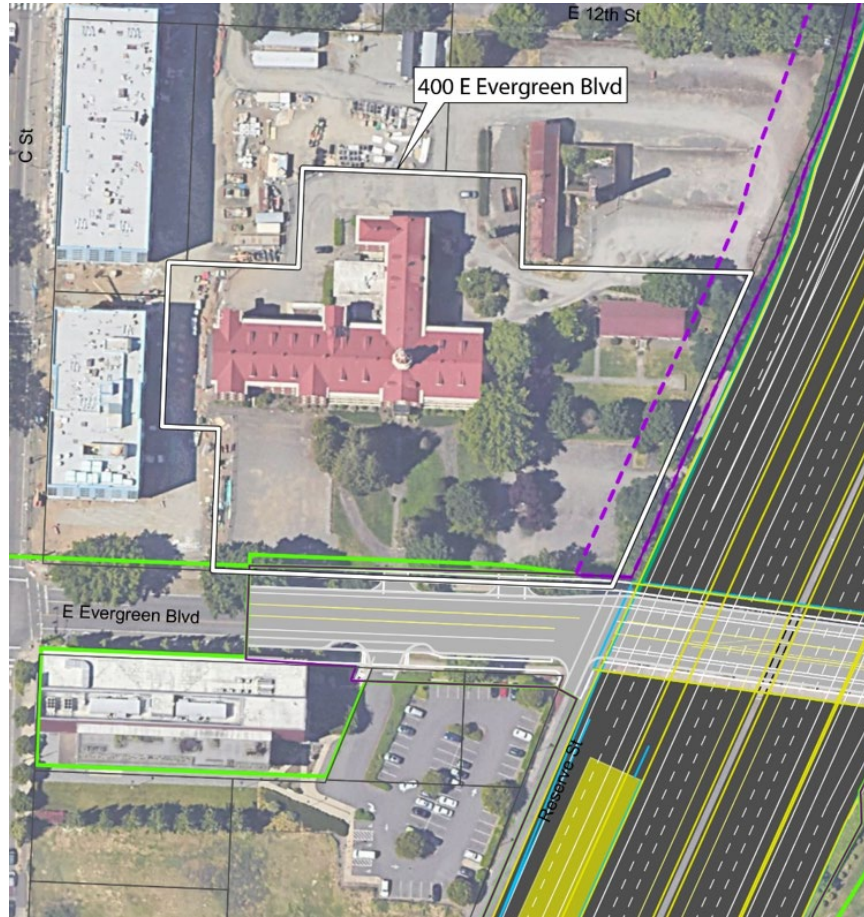
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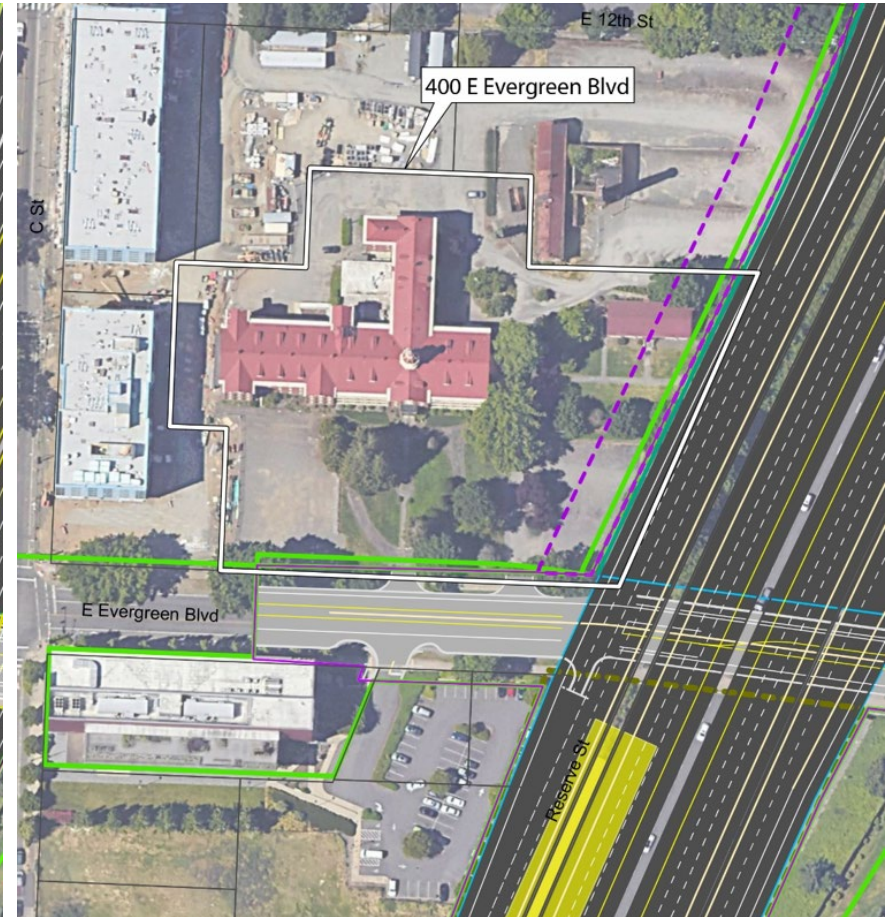
No Adverse Effect (with AND  
without I-5 westward shift)

### DAHP Consultation Input:

Adverse Effect (with I-5  
westward shift)



Modified LPA without I-5 westward shift



Modified LPA with I-5 westward shift



# Finding of Effect



Historic extent of  
hedge and curb  
along East  
Evergreen  
Boulevard



# Finding of Effect

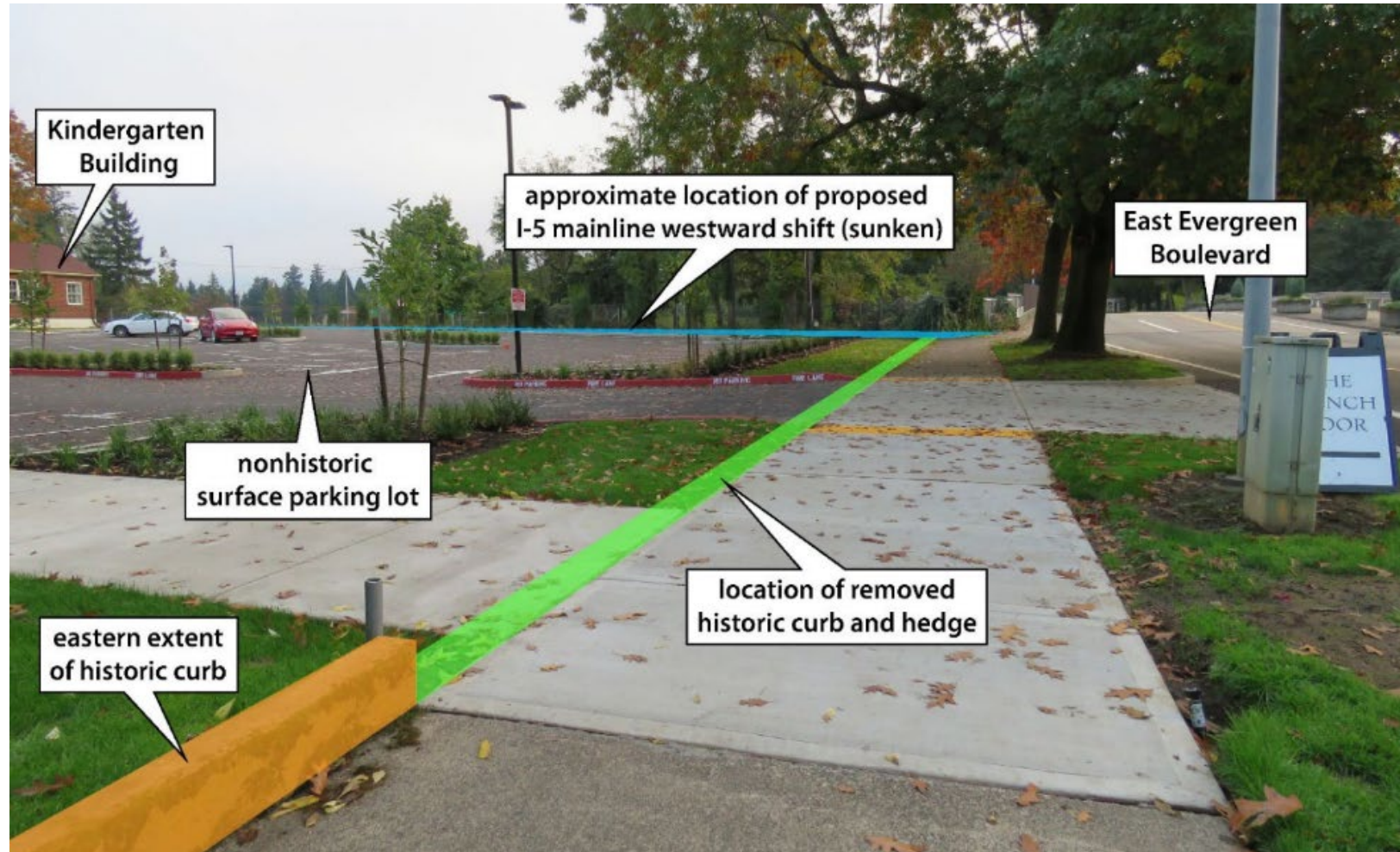


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# Finding of Effect



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# Finding of Effect

Current extent of  
curb and hedge



Modified LPA without  
I-5 westward shift

Modified LPA with  
I-5 westward shift

# Finding of Effect

## **Approach proposed to and agreed upon with DAHP:**

- Revise Determination of Eligibility to clarify where the hedge and curb are extant, illustrated by recent survey photos. No other aspects of the DOE would change.
- Revise Finding of Effect, but retain No Adverse Effect finding for the I-5 westward shift.

**"[T]he westward shift of I-5 would reduce the size of the area that historically contained the institution's grounds. However, no features of the House of Providence that contribute to the property's significant historic character would be altered. Program elements would instead replace portions of the non-historic surface parking lots located at the southeastern corner of the parcel, where the historic curb and hedge have already been removed. Program elements within the identified boundary of the NRHP-listed resource would be located within 25 feet of the east end of the Kindergarten Building, which was constructed after the end of the period of significance and is not a character-defining feature of the property. Program elements would remain approximately 80 feet east of the extant section of the historic hedge and curb along East Evergreen Boulevard, and approximately 185 feet from the House of Providence's primary building."**



# Discussion