

Summary – Olympia businesses listening session 1

Meeting date: Wednesday, March 4, 6 p.m.

Location: Mercato 111 Market St NE, Olympia WA

DES provided an update on the rulemaking process, shared a rulemaking process map, and shared that concepts for future phases on the process map will be influenced by what DES hears at listening sessions and may be updated.

DES asked campus tenants what is important to them and what questions they have. Group discussed:

- The importance of DES taking a regional approach that includes working with local jurisdictions
- Safety concerns
- The importance of aesthetics as Deschutes is a gateway to the downtown area
- Current impacts to parking availability and park use for both events and recreation activities and how people are altering their use of Deschutes Parkway and the area around Capitol Lake
- Issues related to estuaries

DES asked for thoughts and advice regarding additional engagements and information to consider. Group discussed:

- Ideas and challenges for developing other options in the area for RVs
- Ideas for possible parking options along the roadway, including trip permits and road permits
- Legal issues and possible impacts to nearby jurisdictions related to enforcement of parking rules
- How state and federal parks regulate RV parking
- Ideas for interlocal agreements between the state and local jurisdictions
- The Olympia Homeless Response Plan