

Timeline of Events for Medela

(Includes Staff and Planning Commission Recommendations)

- November 2009:** Medela Group, LLC files their application with Thurston County
- September 2010:** The proposal is placed on the County's Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket
- 2010 – 2012:** *Time lapse due to significant budget resource issues for Thurston County*
- June 2012:** County staff meets with City staff, indicating they are ready to move
- October 3, 2012:** City and County staff issue a joint recommendation to approve the proposal to rezone the area from R 4-8 to RM-18. They also recommend an additional plan amendment in order to provide feasible access to the subject property for future development at the higher density; This proposed amendment would reclassify 9th Avenue from Local Access Street to Neighborhood Collector
- October 10, 2012:** County/City Planning Commissions host a joint public hearing
- October 11, 2012:** County issues a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (SEPA DNS)
- October 22, 2012:** The Olympia Planning Commission issues a 5-2 majority recommendation of approval, arguing the proposal is consistent with local and regional visions for increased density in proximity to urban corridors (Pacific Ave) to facilitate urban transit services and mixed use development. The minority expressed concerns about lack of connectivity and human health due to proximity to I-5.
- November 1, 2012:** The County's SEPA Determination of Non-Significance is appealed by "Concerned Eastside Neighbors/Teresa Goen-Burgman, Joe Hanna, et al."
- November 5, 2012:** The Olympia City Council holds a scheduled public hearing. Since the hearing was noticed prior to the SEPA appeal, the Council holds the public hearing and then announces that their recommendation on the proposal will be placed on hold pending the outcome of the SEPA appeal.
- November 7, 2012:** The Thurston County Planning Commission issues a 4-3 majority recommendation of denial, arguing that despite regional and City visions for urban corridors, in the majority opinion, it is bad planning to put multi-family housing near single-family residential and a cemetery

- February 4, 2013:** The Thurston County Hearing Examiner holds an open record hearing on the SEPA appeal
- February 19, 2013:** The Thurston County Hearing Examiner issues a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, finding the appellants did not meet the burden of proof, and recommending they uphold the SEPA DNS and deny the appeal
- April 10, 2013:** The Board of County Commissions issues a decision consistent with the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation
- October 10, 2013:** The County contacts CP&D Director Keith Stahley announcing the item has been placed back on the County's Docket, and requests the Olympia City Council complete their deliberations by end of January 2014 and forward a recommendation to the County Board
- Nov./December:** *The City Manager discusses the request with the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Chair of the Land Use & Environment Committee. They decide to move forward, without need for a further public hearing since nothing about the proposal has changed since the last public hearing closed.*
- December 10, 2013:** Mr. Stahley sends a letter to the County indicating that the City Council will deliberate on the matter in early January 2014
- December 20, 2013:** Notice of the Council's deliberation date is mailed/ emailed to parties of record, 300' property owners/residents, and Registered Neighborhood Associations in the vicinity
- January 7, 2014:** Medela Joint Olympia/Thurston Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone is on the City Council agenda as an 'Other Business' item, including a presentation by City and County staff