

Improved language access services now available at International Special Review District virtual meetings

SEATTLE (June 16, 2021) – In response to community feedback, the City of Seattle’s Historic Preservation Program is making improvements to language access opportunities at the International Special Review District (ISRD) Board’s virtual meetings. Beginning June 22, 2021, meetings of the ISRD Board will take place via Zoom’s videoconferencing platform, which allows for simultaneous interpretation of live presentations. This change makes it possible for the ISRD Board to resume review of proposed development projects, both demolition and new construction.

Simultaneous interpretation will only be available during meetings in which proposed new construction is on the agenda. For new development projects west of I-5, Cantonese interpretation will be provided. For new development projects east of I-5, Vietnamese interpretation will be provided. Please contact the ISRD Board Coordinator Rebecca Frestedt at rebecca.frestedt@seattle.gov or 206-684-0226 to request a language other than Cantonese or Vietnamese.

Agendas for each meeting will be translated accordingly and published on the [ISRD website](#) one week prior to the corresponding meeting. Agendas are also distributed via email to individuals subscribed to this service. Community members can sign-up for this service on the [ISRD website](#).

The public is invited to participate in the virtual meetings and submit public comment. Those interested in submitting public comment during ISRD Board meetings must sign-up in advance. Instructions about how to do so will be listed in each agenda.

Written public comments are also accepted and should be received by the ISRD Board no later than 24 hours prior to the Board meeting. Comments provided in a language other than English will be translated for the Board. Please allow additional time for translation. Written comments can be submitted:

Via email: rebecca.frestedt@seattle.gov

Via US mail: International Special Review District Board, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle WA 98124-4649.

Simultaneous interpretation is only available when using Zoom’s desktop client or mobile app, not when calling in via a phone line. Community members who do not have internet access can call a toll-free phone line to listen to the meeting and provide public comment, but only in English.