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Urban Transitions to present concept for revitalizing Bellingham downtown

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Western Washington University's Urban Transitions Studio will present environmental assessments of a concept for infill and alleyway redevelopment along Cornwall Avenue from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 in Bellingham City Hall council chambers, 210 Lottie St.

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will include a State Environmental Policy Act and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development assessment of proposals for revitalizing downtown Bellingham's retail core.

Urban Transitions Studio is a collaborative partnership between WWU, Bellingham's Office of Planning and Community Development, and Sustainable Connections, a Bellingham nonprofit organization. The partnership aims to promote New Urbanism and Smart Growth planning concepts and to stimulate ideas for transitioning Bellingham into a more urban and sustainable community, according to a news release from the university.

The presentation is the third initiative in a series of coordinated university studies that examine sustainable planning concepts for downtown revitalization and retail mall transition. Previous classes, last winter and spring, examined plan concept development, financing and plan implementation, marketing, and sustainable design under the guidance of WWU professors Nicholas Zaferatos, Paul Stangl and Wendy Wilhelm.

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