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To: Planning Commission Members

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Subject: Portland Plan Factual Basis – Background Report Update Recommendations

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Background Information

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) is leading the effort to develop the Portland Plan. The Portland Plan is an inclusive community-wide plan that will set a strategic framework to guide investments, development and growth through 2035 for the City, its partners, businesses and residents.

The City of Portland will implement the Portland Plan through a variety of projects, programs and initiatives. The Comprehensive Plan, which per Periodic Review the City must be completed by the end of 2012, will be one of the plans used to carry out the strategy outlined in the Portland Plan.¹ As part of Periodic Review, and as background for the Portland Plan, BPS staff developed 18 Portland Plan Background Reports to establish a factual basis for future policy decisions. The reports detail existing conditions in areas ranging from economic opportunities and housing supply to urban form, watershed health and human health and safety.

In November 2009, the initial reports were posted on the Portland Plan website: www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/backgroundreports and distributed to all Multnomah County libraries in the City of Portland and the district coalition offices.

The Planning Commission reviewed, discussed and received testimony on the reports during three public hearings. The hearings were held on the following dates: January 26, 2010; February 9, 2010 and March 9, 2010.

Since last fall, BPS hosted over two dozen Portland Plan public workshops and presented at over 75 community meetings. Over 1,300 people attended the workshops and approximately 1,500 people attended community meetings. In addition to providing comments on what the city should focus on and invest in for the future, Portlanders commented on information in the Background Reports.

In response to comments received during the three public hearings; online and written comments; input provided at the fall and spring workshops and community meetings; and recommendations from staff and partner agencies, BPS would like to update many of the Portland Plan Background Reports, develop new reports and incorporate additional reports by reference. A summary of the proposed changes is provided below.

¹ In November 2007, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) informed the City that its Comprehensive Plan is subject to Periodic Review. DLCD has the authority to compel a local jurisdiction to enter Periodic Review (ORS 197.628 to 197.650 and OAR 660-25). Periodic Review is a substantial evaluation and revision of a local Comprehensive Plan, the purpose of which is to ensure that a city's Comprehensive Plan is up-to-date and responsive to local, regional and state conditions, complies with the Statewide Planning Goals and provides necessary provisions for economic development, needed housing, transportation and urbanization or growth needs.

Summary of Proposed Changes

Buildable Lands Inventory Updates – The following reports will need to be updated based on information generated through the buildable lands inventory process:

- Economic Opportunities Analysis
- Housing Demand and Supply Projections
- Housing Supply

Major Report Updates – The following reports need major updates:

- Public Schools (educational equity, schools as multi-use facilities, data revisions)
- Housing Affordability (metric updates, mobile home analysis, fair housing; Section 8)
- Human Health and Safety (natural hazards)
- Watershed Health (terrestrial ecology, endangered and invasive species, climate change)
- Historic Resources (verification of historic resource inventory)

New Reports

- Campus Institutional Existing Conditions
- Complete 20-minute Neighborhoods Baseline Information
- Gentrification
- Homeownership Rates
- Housing Unit Types
- Income and Wage Trends
- Lifelong Learning and Skill Development Opportunities
- Mixed-use Corridor Development Type Trends
- *(Potential)* Portlanders with Disabilities Study

Reports to Incorporate by Reference

- Central City 2035: Subdistrict Profiles Public Review Draft – Any updates to the Central City 2035 report will be recommended through the Central City 2035 process. The Final Draft will be adopted as a Portland Plan Background Report when it is complete.
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=52836&a=302885>
- Climate Action Plan 2009 – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=49989&>
- Communities of Color in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile – Communities of Color Coalition
<http://coalitioncommunitiescolor.org/docs/AN%20UNSETTLING%20PROFILE.pdf>
- Framework for Integrated Management of Watershed Health – Bureau of Environmental Services
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/fish/index.cfm?c=33528>
- Making the Invisible Visible – Native American Youth and Family Center
http://www.nayapdx.org/images/making%20the%20invisible%20document/MakingVisible_FINAL%20%282%29.pdf
- Next Generation Connectivity: A review of broadband internet transitions and policy from around the world – Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University
http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/newsroom/broadband_review_final
- Preparing for Climate Change in the Upper Willamette River Basin in Oregon: Co-beneficial Planning for Communities and Ecosystems – Climate Leadership Initiative for Sustainable Environment, University of Oregon and National Center for Conservation Science and Policy
http://climlead.uoregon.edu/sites/climlead.uoregon.edu/files/reports/willamette_report3.11FINAL.pdf
- State of Black Oregon – Urban League of Portland
<http://www.ulpdx.org/documents/UrbanLeague-StateofBlackOregon.pdf>

Action Requested

Review and consider the proposed updates and additions to the Portland Plan Background Reports and the factual basis for Periodic Review.