

MEMORANDUM

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TO:	Planning and Sustainability Commission
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SUBJECT:	Summary of West Portland Town Center Plan Public Testimony for August 10 through September 8, 2021

On September 14, 2021 the Planning and Sustainability Commission will hold the first of two hearings on the Proposed Draft of the West Portland Town Center (WPTC) Plan. Prior to each hearing staff will summarize the testimony received to date. This memo is the first such summary.

Background

The WPTC Plan is a long-range land use and equitable community development plan that lays out a vision for a healthy, connected, and resilient town center and proposes actions and tools to prepare and respond to future growth and change and the diverse needs of current and future residents and businesses. The WPTC Plan includes shared community development actions, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map changes, a new West Portland Multi-cultural Plan District in the Zoning Code, a Coordinated Growth Strategy, and recommended priorities for infrastructure.



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- 1. Community Vision 1: Great Place with Equitable Access
- 2. Community Vision 2: Strong People and Communities
- 3. Implementation including Stormwater, Parks and Transportation considerations and the Coordinated Growth Strategy
- 4. Zoning Code Amendments
- 5. Design Overlay Character Statement
- 6. Comprehensive Plan Policies
- 7. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Maps

The Proposed Draft reflects extensive community input including feedback received during open house and workshop events, focus groups, and online surveys in project phases 1 and 2 and from online surveys and emails in phase 3 (Discussion Draft). In the current Proposed Draft phase, a WPTC Plan MapApp is serving to extend visual information about the plan and increase ease of public feedback. All testimony/comments received to date can be viewed through the <u>online testimony reader</u>.

Schedule

The PSC will receive oral and written testimony at public hearings on September 14 and 28, 2021. The September 28 date will be a joint hearing with the Design Commission, who will be making a recommendation on the WPTC Character Statement. Staff will provide another summary memo like this one of comments received for the Thursday before the September 28 hearing.

The PSC will have WPTC Plan work sessions in October and November, with potential for additional work sessions to be determined. The first work session will include PSC reactions to the Proposed Draft, an opportunity to hear from City bureaus and initial discussion of comments received. Prior to each work session, staff will recommend discussion topics based on comments received and PSC input.





Summary of Comments Memo 1: August 10 through September 8, 2021

All of the written comments received to date can be viewed on the online testimony reader.

In the August 10 through September 8 time frame, 12 public comments were received via the MapApp. Comments ranged in nature from specific zoning requests or objections for private properties to general comments about the Plan's overall goals and objectives. Some of the most frequently-commented on topics at this time include but are not limited to:

- Concerns around and/or support for proposed zoning changes.
- Concerns around lack of sufficient and safe roadway infrastructure for people powered transportation options, increases in traffic volumes, cut-through traffic and safety.

Comments by Category to date

Map App Comments by Category	Comments
Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Map changes	6
Infrastructure or Transit Needs	5
Parks, Open/Green Spaces	1
Parking	2
Trees	1
Other	1



