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MEMORANDUM

To: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
From: Barry Manning, Senior Planner
Date: February 8, 2011
RE: SE 122nd Avenue Study - Briefing, February 22, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff will brief you on the SE 122nd Avenue Study at your meeting on February 22, 2011. This item is intended as a briefing only, and no specific action is required of the Commission.

Staff asks the Commission to consider how the findings and recommendations of the study may be applied at the study area level and more broadly citywide, as the Commission considers issues in the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update process. Staff also seeks feedback on ways to best support and advance the study's recommendations in the interim.

Staff will be joined at the presentation by a few key community members and project partners. We have notified other interested parties of the briefing but have informed them that since no Commission action is required at this time, public testimony will not be taken.

Background

The SE 122nd Avenue Study was initiated in 2009 as an outcome of the *East Portland Action Plan* (2009) and as a pilot project of the Portland Plan. It was designed to explore ways to create a more complete, healthy, and sustainable neighborhood in the area along SE 122nd Avenue between SE Division and SE Foster Road. The study explored land use, transportation/connectivity, and development design issues in multi dwelling residential and commercial zones in the area. As a pilot project, it also considered how the findings and recommendations of the study could be applied more broadly to citywide planning efforts.

Many of the issues considered in the study are typical of a neighborhood or area plan; however a couple of key issues distinguish this effort:

- **Health Lens:** The study was partially funded by a capacity building grant from the Northwest Health Foundation, and staff partnered with experts in community and public health fields to look at planning issues through a "health lens." This "health lens" focused on the social determinants of health as well as the health implications of the built environment. Social and built environments determine health because they directly and indirectly impact the choices that individuals can make regarding health behaviors.



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- 20 Minute Neighborhood: The study looks at ways to foster a more convenient “20-Minute Neighborhood” in a part of outer Southeast Portland that has a growing low- and moderate-income population but lacks much of the walkable urban fabric and services found in many inner-Portland neighborhoods.

Two reports that document the work of the study are attached: 1) *SE 122nd Avenue Study - Final Report and Recommendations* (white cover); and 2) *SE 122nd Avenue Study - Existing Conditions and Planning Implications Report* (salmon cover). A third report, *SE 122nd Avenue Study Outreach and Public Involvement Report*, is available on the web (www.portlandonline.com/bps/se122study). These reports contain the detailed recommendations and background for the study which will be summarized for you at the briefing.

Please feel free to contact me at 503-823-7965 if you have questions prior to the briefing.



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