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Portland City Council  
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Dear Commissioners:

On October 26, 2010, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission held a hearing on the proposed FEMA Flood Map Update project. This project updates the City's floodplain maps and regulations to maintain Portland's eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Deputy City Attorney Terence Thatcher gave a helpful overview of recent litigation and the settlement reached between the Portland Audubon Society and FEMA. We heard testimony from Bob Sallinger regarding this case. Mr. Thatcher assured us that this settlement has no effect on this project, but will likely result in amendments needed in future years.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission unanimously recommends that City Council:

- 1) Adopt the Recommended Ordinance; and
- 2) Adopt the FEMA Flood Map Update Project: Recommended Draft.

We commend the project team for their quick and diligent work and thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Don Hanson, Chair  
Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission