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## MEMO

**DATE:** February 26, 2013  
**TO:** Planning and Sustainability Commissioners  
**FROM:** Jay Sugnet, Senior City Planner  
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**SUBJECT:** Barbur Concept Plan - Proposed Amendments

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Below are several amendments for the hearing scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 6 pm on the *Proposed Barbur Concept Plan*.

Staff is proposing the following amendments to concept plan recommendations based on discussions between Commissioner Chris Smith and several SW Neighborhood Inc. board members. The current and proposed text are below.

### Page 46 - Establish safe and comfortable conditions for active transportation

#### CURRENT

Continue efforts to secure grant funding for safety and active transportation projects (e.g. sidewalk infill, pedestrian crossings and trails such as the Red Electric Trail).

#### PROPOSED

Secure funding for safety and active transportation projects (e.g. sidewalk infill, pedestrian crossings and trails such as the Red Electric Trail).

### Page 47 - Evaluate and pursue concepts generated from the Crossroads walk audit

#### CURRENT

...including reconfiguring the street system and intersections in the Crossroad area...

#### PROPOSED

...including reconfiguring the freeway ramps, street system and intersections in the Crossroad area...



## CURRENT

- **Reconsider the Town Center designation for the West Portland Town Center**

The Crossroads, which is the area at the confluence of I-5, Barbur, Capitol Hwy, and Taylor's Ferry, was originally designated a Town Center by Metro in 1995. However, the Crossroads has not achieved the potential envisioned by its designation as a town center. A "regional main street" or other designation may be more appropriate given the area's transportation, topographic and other physical constraints.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- **Address the deficiencies that are preventing the Crossroads from achieving its potential as a Town Center**

The Crossroads, the area surrounding the confluence of I-5, Barbur, Capitol Hwy, and Taylor's Ferry, was designated a Town Center by Metro in 1995. However, the Crossroads has not achieved the potential envisioned by the town center designation. To address this and neighborhood and regional goals, a town center planning effort should be conducted, in conjunction with an access and circulation study, to develop a community vision, strategic plan, and funding strategy for the area.

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