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To: Planning & Sustainability Commission
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Date: September 9, 2014
RE: Proposed Draft Citywide Systems Plan, Updates from Working Draft

The Proposed Draft Citywide Systems Plan has been updated to reflect comments received from the general public, agencies, organizations, and internal bureaus during review of the Working Draft in fall 2013. Over 600 comments related to infrastructure projects and policies as described in the Map App and Citywide Systems Plan. For a more complete overview of public comment received, please see the “What We Heard from the Public” memo at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/483115>.

The table below summarizes primary themes of public comment and highlights corresponding updates to the Citywide Systems Plan.

Working Draft - Comment Theme Commenters expressed or requested:	Proposed Draft - Update or response
Citywide Chapters (1 through 5)	
Asset management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for asset management programs to prioritize strategic, preventative maintenance and improvements to the City’s infrastructure systems. 	Additional information about asset management funding gaps (see pages 15-16)
Regulatory mandates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional clarity and comprehensiveness regarding the City’s regulatory mandates. Discussion of how mandates contribute to the protection of human health and safety and the environment. 	Improved discussion of regulatory mandates and importance in protecting public health and environmental quality (page 14 and Bureau chapters)



**Working Draft -
Comment Theme**

Commenters expressed or requested:

Economic development

- Greater discussion of the role of infrastructure investment in supporting economic development and vitality.
- The equity lens for infrastructure investments integrate job creation and employment opportunities, particularly for underrepresented groups.

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Improved acknowledgement of the role of infrastructure in supporting **economic vitality** (*throughout Chapters 1-3*)

Green infrastructure

- Desire for better integration of green infrastructure and natural systems throughout the Citywide Systems Plan. Specifically,
 - Clearer definition, description and discussion of the infrastructure, economic, environmental and social services and values provided by these systems
 - Treatment of green infrastructure and tree canopy as an asset class (including information on value, condition, needs, investments, etc.)
 - Description of the role of green infrastructure in meeting the City's regulatory requirements

**Better integration of green
infrastructure & natural systems**

- New section on green infrastructure asset management (*p. 17*)
- Improved discussion of how green infrastructure supports the Guiding Principles (*Chapter 3*)
- Discussion of green infrastructure as an asset class (page 43 and 45) and coordinated service (*page 50*)
- Explicit policies supporting the use and restoration of green infrastructure (*see Chapter 5*)
- Enhanced discussion of the role of green infrastructure in meeting the City's sewer and stormwater service needs (*see Chapter 6*)
- Enhanced discussion of natural resource and urban forest management and services (*see Chapter 9*)
- Inclusion of potential green infrastructure enhancement or restoration in many of BES's Surface Water Management projects (*see pages 296-298*)



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Coordination and service providers

- Better acknowledgement of the role of other service providers and non-public groups (e.g. watershed councils, Friends groups, etc)

Addition of **non-governmental organizations** as key partners (*see p. 42-43 and bureau chapters*)

Additional discussion of **other service providers** (e.g. TriMet and MCDD) and non-City infrastructure and providers (*see p. 3, 22-24, and Bureau chapters*)

Additional information of **inter-bureau coordination** for facility provision (*see page 48*) and utility cuts (*see page 51*)

Goals and policies

- Inclusion of associated goals and policies in the Citywide Systems Plan document, rather than a reference to the separate Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies document.

Proposed **goals and policies** were added to Chapter 5: Goals and Policies, including those from the Public Facilities and Transportation chapters of the Proposed Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Other Significant Changes to Citywide chapters

1. Addition of a discussion of the “**Centers Investment Strategy**” (*see pages 19-21*)
2. Discussion of **gentrification** and displacement (*see pages 29-31*)
3. Review of sections related to **climate change preparation**, to align with Climate Preparation Strategy (*see pages 36-37, 64, 132, and 270, among others*)
4. Addition of **Chapter 10: Other Essential Facilities and Systems** (*see pages 295-325*).

Chapter 6. Bureau of Environmental Services

Watersheds

- Additional information regarding each watershed’s specific challenges and current and future management strategies.

Update to the **stormwater** section including more information on **watershed** conditions and management strategies (*see pages 105-115*)

Drainage districts

- Acknowledgement of the role of Drainage Districts in stormwater conveyance and flood management in the Columbia Slough Watershed.

Improved acknowledgement of role and contribution of **drainage districts** and new policies related to flood management. (*see p. 42, 65-66, 83, 99, 127, 133, 135*)



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Chapter 9. Portland Parks and Recreation

Investment strategy

- A more complete investment strategy, akin to those included for other systems.
- Strategies to address maintenance backlog.
- Additional information on alternative funding sources.

Clarifications regarding the **investment strategy** for Portland Parks & Recreation (*see page 287*)

Natural areas

- Clearer description of the role of Portland Parks & Recreation in protecting and enhancing the City's environment and natural resources, including habitat restoration in natural areas.
- Desire for improved public access and passive recreation in natural areas.

Enhanced discussion of PP&R's role in protecting and stewarding Portland's **natural resources and urban canopy**. (*see p. 212-216 and 230-231*)

Existing parks

- Interest in development of planned parks or improvements to existing parks to provide additional recreation opportunities.
- Maintenance and security concerns about existing parks and other facilities, including vandalism, dense tree canopy and lack of lighting.

The list of desired park improvements includes development or improvement of **35 parks**, as well as general maintenance and replacement of assets. (*see p. 234-235*)

Trails

- Support for expanding the trail system, particularly to create connections to existing trails, and provide access to natural areas.
- Completing the Springwater Corridor Trail through inner Southeast Portland.

The list of desired park improvements includes development or improvement of **7 trails**, including completion of the Springwater "gap", funded in 2016. (*see p. 226 and 235*)

New parks

- Commenters identified desired park acquisition areas, including locations for improved recreation access to the Willamette River and a desire for additional parks in the Hollywood Town Center, Goose Hollow, West Portland Park, Madison South, and Kenton neighborhoods.

Desired improvements prioritize providing services in **underserved areas** and include target acquisition areas. (*see p. 207-209, 224-228, and 233*)

