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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 9, 2014  
**TO:** Planning and Sustainability Commission  
**FROM:** Eric Engstrom, Principal Planner  
**CC:** Susan Anderson, Director; Joe Zehnder, Chief Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Summary of Comprehensive Plan Public Testimony (Memo 2)

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On October 14, 2014, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will hold the second hearing on the Proposed Draft of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan (CPU). This second memo summarizes public testimony received to date.

### **Schedule Updates**

The PSC will continue to receive oral and written testimony at public hearings on October 14, October 28 and November 4. Staff will provide the Commission with a summary of comments received on the Thursday before each hearing.

On November 18, the PSC will have its first work session to discuss comments received, reactions to the Proposed Draft, hear from City bureaus and develop an agenda for subsequent CPU work sessions in winter and early spring 2015. Prior to the November 18 work session, staff will recommend topics for subsequent work sessions, including a “consent list” of staff-recommended changes that may not need in-depth discussion.

On February 24, 2015, PSC will hold a hearing on the Transportation System Plan (TSP), to review a sorted and updated TSP project list.

We also have tentatively scheduled a hearing on the revised Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) for April 14, 2015, and a hearing on the Growth Scenarios Addendum Report at the April 28, 2015 PSC meeting. Both the updated EOA and the Growth Scenario Addendum are components of Periodic Review Task 3.

## Summary of Comments

### Memo 2: July 22 through October 7, 2014

All written comments received between September 17 and October 7 are available at <http://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/6968061/>.

A compiled document of these written comments is available at [ftp://ftp02.portlandoregon.gov/BPS/PSC/CPU/testimony\\_091714-100714\\_compiled.pdf](ftp://ftp02.portlandoregon.gov/BPS/PSC/CPU/testimony_091714-100714_compiled.pdf).

Comments received in writing at the September 23, 2014 PSC hearing are available in a compiled PDF at [ftp://ftp02.portlandoregon.gov/BPS/PSC/CPU/written\\_testimony\\_092314hearing.pdf](ftp://ftp02.portlandoregon.gov/BPS/PSC/CPU/written_testimony_092314hearing.pdf).

Between July 22 and October 7, a total of 1186 public comments were received. Of these, 862 were submitted via the Map App, 65 in writing and 193 via email. Comments ranged from specific zoning requests to general comments about the City's stated goals and CPU guiding principles. Some of the most frequently-commented on topics at this time include but are not limited to:

- Concerns around and/or support for potential zoning adjustments as a result of Center and Corridor designations and the related Mixed Use Zones Project.
- Recommendations and observations regarding the character of residential neighborhoods, including desire to address demolitions.
- Desire to carefully consider the development of green-fields, and to prioritize re-development of brownfields in meeting projected employment land needs. Additionally, many comments made it clear that clarification is needed concerning current proposals for WHI.
- Insurance that housing remains affordable for low-income residents in all Portland's neighborhoods, and taking targeted actions to prevent current residents from being priced out of their homes.
- Many comments also express a need for more middle-income employment within the city.
- Requests for property-specific zoning map or CPU designation changes.

It is important to note that while hard copy letters, emails and all testimony received at PSC (verbal and in writing) may pertain to any or all of the Comp Plan, most testimony received online through the Map App is focused on specific map features: The Transportation System Plan (TSP) Project List; Proposed Infrastructure Projects; and Land Use changes regarding Centers and Corridors; Jobs and Employment; Risks and Service Gaps; and Neighborhoods, Parks and Open Spaces.

In addition, staff have observed that many comments we're received include questions. When staff comes across these questions or requests for clarification, Help Line staff are responding promptly and are keeping a record of these items.

## Comments by Category

<b>Policy Comments by Topic</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Economic Development/Industrial	154
Environment and Watershed Health	142
Zoning Map	63
Urban Design Framework, Centers and Corridors	58
CPU Designations	49
Community Involvement	45
Residential Character, Demos and Parking	43
TSP/Transportation	37
Public Facilities	34
Housing	22

<b>All Comments by Geography</b> (the location of the comment, not necessarily the address of the person making it)	<b>Comments</b>
Southeast	527
North	438
Northeast	240
Central City	125
West	161
East	132

<b>Map App Comments by Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Land Use: Centers and Corridors	382
Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)	278
Land Use: Neighborhoods, Parks and Open Spaces	227
Land Use: Jobs and Employment	20
Proposed Infrastructure Projects	21
Land Use: Risks and Service Gaps	22