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To Planning and Sustainability Commission

RE: 2035 Comprehensive Plan

I have read the 2035 Comprehensive Plan proposed draft 2 ½ times and have found that I agree with many of the policies and goals that have been proposed. I appreciate the opportunity to make additional comments before a final plan is drafted.

There are only two sections that I will be commenting on at this time; Industrial Land Acquisitions and List of Significant Projects.

Industrial Land Acquisitions-

Policy 6.50, Public facilities and land acquisition. Limit the use of prime industrial Land for parks or other non-industrial public facilities. How would you categorize the use the word “prime”? In the Cully neighborhood there are industrial zoned properties that abut open space areas like Whitaker Ponds, Colwood Golf Course and Thomas Cully Park. Policy 6.50 could prevent the expansion of these areas if the opportunity to acquire adjacent industrial property ever presented itself. If an industrial property owner wanted to sell his property to be converted into Open Space or Park area, would putting these limits on the land prevent this transaction? I understand the need to preserve industrial areas but I also hope that a more flexible and less restrictive approach would be considered.

List of Significant Projects-

As you may already be aware, over 1/3 of Cully neighborhood streets are classified as substandard with no curbs or sidewalks. **Cully has a substandard street percentage of a whopping 35.9% versus the City at 18.8%, and a standard street percentage of only 55.4% versus the City at 77.9% and unimproved street percentage of 9% versus the City at 3%.**

This large neighborhood of over 13,000 residents has to accommodate the growing influx of a diversified population, and desperately needs improved streets and sidewalks, adequately sized schools, parks with amenities, a community center and a safe means to get there.

I encourage your continued support of all the projects currently listed and specifically Map ID # 40010 (construct sidewalks etc. on 60th) and 40012 (construct sidewalks etc. on 72nd) on the List of Significant Projects. I would like to recommend 3 other crucial projects be added to the list.

1. NE Columbia Boulevard at 75th
 - a. Description: There is no safe pedestrian connection between Thomas Cully Park and Colwood Nature Park. A railroad track separates the two properties and there are no sidewalks on Cully Blvd (the adjacent street that connects Killingsworth and Columbia Blvd) to safely traverse from one park to the other.
 - b. Project Requested: Construct a pedestrian bridge across Columbia Blvd from Thomas Cully Park to Colwood Nature Park.

2. NE Alberta Street from 42nd Avenue to Cully Boulevard
 - a. Description: This neighborhood greenway lacks sidewalks and bike lanes. It connects two proposed neighborhood centers (currently Our 42nd Ave and Cully Blvd Alliance Neighborhood Prosperity Initiatives) and provides access to Khunamokwst Park, Cully's only fully developed park.
 - b. Project Requested: Build sidewalks and bike lanes.

3. NE Cully Boulevard at Mason Street
 - a. Description: Unsafe pedestrian crossing. There are no pedestrian crosswalks between Fremont to Prescott along 57th/Cully Blvd. There have been a number of crashes at this location—several involving pedestrians. A 2013 report by Mark Haines of PBOT recommended placing this on the CIP list and prioritizing it.
 - b. Project Requested: A marked crosswalk with a center pedestrian refuge island and either a rapid flash beacon or a HAWK signal.

Thank you for your consideration,



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