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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2015
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 9)

On March 10, 2015, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will have its fourth work session to discuss comments received and reactions to the Proposed Draft. This memo summarizes public testimony received through February 24, 2015.

In this batch of new testimony you'll find some that directly addresses items you discussed in your work sessions on January 27, February 10, and February 24. As you know, your deliberations and recommendations at each work session are tentative, not conclusive, since there will continue to be new testimony coming in through March 13 that may influence or change your recommendations. Staff will continue to encourage the public to submit testimony as early as possible, but will also continue to assure the public that you will be considering ALL testimony received through the closing date.

Summary of Comments: July 22, 2014 through February 24, 2015

Between July 22, 2014 and February 24, 2015, a total of 3248 public comments were received. Of these, 1913 were submitted via the Map App, 374 in writing and 560 via email. Additionally, 231 comments were given directly to the PSC at public hearings, and 148 comment cards were submitted (mostly via the Community Alliance of Tenants and through the Mixed Use Zones project meetings). Within the last three weeks, we have also received 204 letters from the Argay Neighborhood concerning proposed Mixed Use and residential designations.

All written comments received February 11 – February 24, 2015 are available at <http://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/7220944>.

A compiled document of these written comments as well as comments from the Map App during the same time period is available at ftp://ftp02.portlandoregon.gov/BPS/PSC/CPU/testimony_021015-022415_compiled.pdf.

To facilitate effective staff review, West Hayden Island is considered here as its own topic, and its own district, and comments are sorted accordingly. Comments are only included in Environment & Watershed Health, and/or Economic Development categories, in addition to WHI, if they also very clearly exhibit concern with or support for broader policy themes, and/or give attention to another location.

Finally, staff have observed that many comments received include questions. When staff comes across these questions, or requests for clarification or additional information, Help Line staff are responding promptly and are keeping a record of these items.

Comment Distribution (July 22 – February 24)

Policy Comments by Topic	Comments
TSP/Transportation	804
Urban Design Framework, Centers and Corridors	294
Design & Development, Residential, incl. Demolitions	246
Housing	259
Environment and Watershed Health	224
Economic Development/Industrial	181
West Hayden Island & Hayden Island	175
Process (incl. requests for hearings extensions)	108
Public Facilities	101
The Plan & Guiding Principles ⁱ	91
Community Involvement	46
Administration & Implementation ⁱⁱ	31

Other/Implementation

Land Use Designations	1083
Zoning Map	961
Mixed Use Zones - Project Specific	88
Campus Institutional Zoning	32

All Comments by Geography (the location of the comment, not necessarily the address of the person making it)	Comments
Southeast	1015
West	737
Northeast	593
East	567
North	294
Central City	235
West Hayden Island	175

Map App Comments by Category ⁱⁱⁱ	Comments
Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)	958
Land Use: Centers and Corridors	511
Land Use: Neighborhoods, Parks and Open Spaces	347
Land Use: Jobs and Employment	87
Land Use: Risks and Service Gaps	53
Proposed Infrastructure Projects	37

ⁱ Includes many comments related to the Guiding Principles called out by the plan: prosperity, equity, health and resiliency, and relationships between local, neighborhood, city, regional, and state plans.

ⁱⁱ Both the Campus Institution and Mixed Use Zones - Project Specific topics were added in December upon request from staff to aid them in comment review. Mixed Use Zones - Project Specific is tagged at the discretion of MUZ Project staff.

ⁱⁱⁱ While hard copy letters, emails and all testimony received at PSC (verbal and written) may pertain to any or all of the Comp Plan, most testimony received online through the Map App is focused on specific map features, organized into Categories.