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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2015
TO: Planning and Sustainability Commission
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SUBJECT: Summary of Comprehensive Plan Public Testimony (Memo 11)

On April 14, 2015, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will have its seventh work session to discuss comments received and reactions to the Proposed Draft. This memo summarizes all public testimony received through March 13, 2015 the close of the public comment period.

Summary of Comments: July 22, 2014 through March 13, 2015

Between July 22, 2014 and March 13, 2015, a total of 4081 public comments were received. Of these, 2331 were submitted via the Map App, 543 in writing and 762 via email. Additionally, 272 comments were given directly to the PSC at public hearings, and 167 other comment cards were submitted (mostly from the Community Alliance of Tenants and through the Mixed Use Zones project meetings). We have also received over 300 letters from the Argay Neighborhood concerning proposed Mixed Use, Employment, and residential designations.

All written comments received February 24 – March 13, 2015 are available at <http://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/7263104>.

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_031015-031315_compiled.pdf.

Finally, staff have continued to respond to comments that 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, 2014 – March 13, 2015)

Policy Comments by Topic	Comments
TSP/Transportation	1068
Urban Design Framework, Centers and Corridors	366
Housing	342
Design & Development, Residential, incl. Demolitions	340
Environment and Watershed Health	266
Economic Development/Industrial	366
West Hayden Island & Hayden Island	182
Process (incl. requests for hearings extensions)	121
Public Facilities	124
The Plan & Guiding Principles ⁱ	111
Community Involvement	72
Administration & Implementation ⁱⁱ	38

Other/Implementation

Land Use Designations	1305
Zoning Map	1125
Mixed Use Zones - Project Specific	90
Campus Institutional Zoning	40

All Comments by Geography (the location of the comment, not necessarily the address of the person making it)	Comments
Southeast	1246
West	963
East	795
Northeast	752
North	447
Central City	306
West Hayden Island	182

Map App Comments by Category ⁱⁱⁱ	Comments
Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)	1178
Land Use: Centers and Corridors	641
Land Use: Neighborhoods, Parks and Open Spaces	388
Land Use: Jobs and Employment	98
Land Use: Risks and Service Gaps	56
Proposed Infrastructure Projects	45

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, which will continue over the next few weeks as all comments continue to be reviewed.

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.