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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2015
TO: Planning and Sustainability Commission
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CC: Susan Anderson, Director; Joe Zehnder, Chief Planner
SUBJECT: Summary of Comprehensive Plan Public Testimony (Memo 7)

On February 10, 2015, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will have its second work session to discuss comments received and reactions to the Proposed Draft. This memo summarizes public testimony received through January 27, 2015.

In this batch of new testimony you'll find some that directly addresses items you discussed in your work session on January 27th. 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 13th 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 January 27, 2015

Between July 22, 2014 and January 27, 2015, a total of 2814 public comments were received. Of these, 1766 were submitted via the Map App, 317 in writing and 373 via email. Additionally, 231 comments were given directly to the PSC at public hearings, and 117 comment cards were submitted (mostly via the Community Alliance of Tenants and through the Mixed Use Zones project meetings).

All written comments received January 14-27, 2015 are available at <http://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/7171503>.

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/testimony011315-012715_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.

In addition, 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 – January 27)

Policy Comments by Topic	Comments
TSP/Transportation	713
Urban Design Framework, Centers and Corridors	267
Design & Development, Residential, incl. Demolitions	215
Environment and Watershed Health	206
Housing	199
West Hayden Island & Hayden Island	173
Economic Development/Industrial	170
Process (incl. requests for hearings extensions)	102
Public Facilities	91
The Plan & Guiding Principles ⁱ	85
Community Involvement	45
Administration & Implementation ⁱⁱ	26

Other/Implementation

Land Use Designations	890
Zoning Map	767
Mixed Use Zones - Project Specific	83
Campus Institutional Zoning	29

All Comments by Geography (the location of the comment, not necessarily the address of the person making it)	Comments
Southeast	952
West	654
Northeast	525
East	428
North	228
Central City	217
West Hayden Island	173

Map App Comments by Categoryⁱⁱⁱ	Comments
Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)	865
Land Use: Centers and Corridors	489
Land Use: Neighborhoods, Parks and Open Spaces	331
Land Use: Jobs and Employment	84
Land Use: Risks and Service Gaps	49
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.