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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 11, 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 10)

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On March 24, 2015, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will have its sixth work session to discuss comments received and reactions to the Proposed Draft. This memo summarizes public testimony received through March 9, 2015.

In this batch of new testimony you'll find some that directly addresses items you discussed in your previous work sessions. 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 March 9, 2015**

Between July 22, 2014 and March 9, 2015, a total of 3572 public comments were received. Of these, 2056 were submitted via the Map App, 426 in writing and 632 via email. Additionally, 272 comments were given directly to the PSC at public hearings, and 164 comment cards were submitted (mostly via the Community Alliance of Tenants and through the Mixed Use Zones project meetings). Within the last five weeks, we have also received over 230 letters from the Argay Neighborhood concerning proposed Mixed Use, Employment, and residential designations.

All written comments received February 24 – March 9, 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\\_022415-030915\\_compiled.pdf](ftp://ftp02.portlandoregon.gov/BPS/PSC/CPU/testimony_022415-030915_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, 2014 – March 9, 2015)

Policy Comments by Topic	Comments
TSP/Transportation	906
Urban Design Framework, Centers and Corridors	316
Housing	303
Design & Development, Residential, incl. Demolitions	259
Environment and Watershed Health	239
Economic Development/Industrial	227
West Hayden Island & Hayden Island	177
Process (incl. requests for hearings extensions)	114
Public Facilities	105
The Plan & Guiding Principles <sup>i</sup>	99
Community Involvement	52
Administration & Implementation <sup>ii</sup>	37

### Other/Implementation

Land Use Designations	1153
Zoning Map	1034
Mixed Use Zones - Project Specific	89
Campus Institutional Zoning	36

All Comments by Geography (the location of the comment, not necessarily the address of the person making it)	Comments
Southeast	1085
West	840
East	707
Northeast	680
North	398
Central City	273
West Hayden Island	177

Map App Comments by Category <sup>iii</sup>	Comments
Transportation Systems Plan (TSP)	1053
Land Use: Centers and Corridors	538
Land Use: Neighborhoods, Parks and Open Spaces	360
Land Use: Jobs and Employment	91
Land Use: Risks and Service Gaps	55
Proposed Infrastructure Projects	39

<sup>i</sup> 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.

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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.