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Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel Scoping Report to be presented to Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

Following a recent Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel scoping process, the Multnomah County Planning Commission has recommended an approach for updating the Rural Area Plan and Transportation System Plan. Multnomah County is the local planning agency for this unincorporated area.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will be briefed on the findings and recommendations of the Scoping Report and the approach to update the Rural Area Plan and Transportation System plan for the project area. The briefing will take place at the Multnomah Building board room on June 13 at 10:10 a.m.

The recommendations stem from a scoping process involving residents, businesses, government agencies, community organizations, and visitors to the area. Between February and April 2013, Multnomah County conducted public outreach on land use and transportation issues. The outreach included gathering feedback from the public and agencies regarding important land-use and transportation issues affecting the planning area.

The responses included concerns regarding traffic conflicts and congestion along narrow roads, concerns regarding permitting for moorages and marinas, a desire to protect farming and the area's rural identity and wildlife habitat. Other issues centered on the impacts from the increasing number of visitors to the area including the growing popularity of festivals and events on island farms.

The commission's recommendations direct County planning staff to update the Rural Area Plan and Transportation System Plan in response to changes that have developed since the adoption of the original plans in the late 1990s.

While the county board will not be conducting a hearing on the matter, the briefing is open to public testimony. Visitors are advised to arrive closer to 9:45 a.m. in case the board meeting runs faster than expected.

For more information, please read the Multnomah County Planning Commission's scoping report available on the project website (<https://multco.us/simc-planning>).