



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 8/18/16
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
Date Submitted: 8/9/16

Agenda Title: **Briefing on proposal to adopt a new County Comprehensive Plan, including a new proposed Transportation System Plan**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: August 18, 2016 **Time Needed:** 1 hour

Department: Community Services **Division:** Land Use Planning

Contact(s): Michael Cerbone

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Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Rich Faith, Senior Planner; Michael Cerbone, Planning Director; and Joanna Valencia, Transportation Planning Manager

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Receive a Briefing on the proposed new County Comprehensive Plan, including the proposed new County Transportation System Plan.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Under state law, the County is required to maintain a Comprehensive Plan setting forth the maps policies for coordinated use and development of land over time.

The County's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1977. Although there have been issue-specific amendments over the years, the Plan as a whole has not undergone an update in nearly 40 years.

At the County Board's direction, the County Land Use Planning and Transportation Planning Divisions' commenced a two-year initiative to update the Plan in 2014. This initiative received guidance, input and assistance from contracted consultants and a 16-member Community Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee, together with its various subcommittees, met 33 times between January 2015 and March 2016 to craft the policies contained in the proposed new Plan.

The County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Plan on May 2, 2016, and is recommending that the Board adopt the Plans.

The Plan addresses the following topics:

1. Introduction and Citizen Involvement
2. Land Use
3. Farm Land
4. Forest Land
5. Natural Resources
6. Historic and Cultural Resources
7. Natural Hazards
8. Parks and Recreation
9. Rural Economy
10. Housing
11. Public Facilities
12. Transportation

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There is no immediate or direct fiscal impact but a variety of resources may be needed in the future in order to implement certain policies within the plans.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The Plan must comply with statewide planning goals, policies, statutes and rules. The Plan has been prepared in compliance with state requirements.

In addition, the proposed new Plan has been prepared in a manner that aligns with a number of other County policies and initiatives, including the Climate Action Plan, Health Equity Initiative, the Equity and Empowerment Lens, and the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Public participation has been a key component of the Plan update process. In addition to the work of the appointed Community Advisory Committee, a series of public open houses and community meetings were held in the east and west areas of the County at major milestones in the project to gather public input. Various local, regional, state and federal agencies have been afforded an opportunity to review and comment on the documents as technical advisors.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Kim Peoples /s/

Date: August 9, 2016

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