



Planning and Building Services Department

Memorandum

TO: Lake Oswego Natural Resources Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Update (PP 08-0012)

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Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the City's Boards and Commissions on the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) update process and to solicit feedback on the draft vision statement. The vision statement will be used to guide the update of the Plan.

Background

The Plan is the City's statement of aspirations for the future and is the basis for all land use planning and growth management actions in Lake Oswego. There are 14 Plan chapters addressing various topics from citizen involvement to transportation and natural resources to economic development (Attachment 1). The first Plan was adopted in 1978, acknowledged to be in compliance with the Statewide Planning Goals by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) in 1984, and subsequently updated through Periodic Review (completed in 1994). Lake Oswego has changed during the last 16 years as has the Metro region. It is now time to imagine and plan for Lake Oswego 25 years in the future.

In May 2008, the City was directed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to begin Periodic Review. Periodic Review is a State requirement, administered by the DLCD. It requires local governments to review their Plan and land use regulations to ensure that they continue to provide for the growth and development needs of the community and ensure that the Plan and regulations remain consistent with State rules and regulations. While the process provides the opportunity to update all of the Plan (a lot has change in 16 years), the State requirement emphasizes review and compliance with statewide planning goals related to economic development, needed housing, transportation, public facilities and services, and urbanization.

In late 2008, staff solicited feedback from the City's Boards and Commission on issues, opportunities, or omissions that should be included in the Plan update. That information was included in the evaluation and work program that was forwarded to the Council. In May 2009, the Council approved a work program (Attachment 2) and directed staff to submit it for State approval. At this time, the State has not yet

approved the work program; however, discussions with DLCD staff indicate that the State is ready to approve the work program. The City has three years to complete the work program from the date it is approved.

An important outcome of this process is to identify ways to sustain and improve the quality of life in the community and more wisely use limited resources. The City plans to use the sustainability principles outlined in The Natural Step¹ (TNS) framework to help guide the update of the Plan.

Discussion

Although the State has not yet given final approval of the work program, the City is moving forward with the update of the Plan. Below are discussions of the draft vision statement and overall project timeline.

Vision

A vision is the overall image of what a community wants to be and how it wants to look at some point in the future. A vision statement is the formal expression of that vision; it depicts in words and images what the community is striving to become.

In 2002, the City Council developed a vision statement for the City. The vision has been used by the Council during their annual goal setting meeting and was last revised in 2008. As the City looks towards the future and begins to develop a plan to guide the City through 2035, the Council's vision statement can serve as starting point to establish a framework for the broader planning effort. . To create a broad community-supported planning framework, the City will be reaching out to the citizens of Lake Oswego for comments, recommendations, and ideas to create a robust vision that will guide the future development of our City.

Staff is seeking input from your board/commission on the draft vision statement (Attachment 3). There are six sections in the attached vision statement. Based on your feedback (and the feedback of other City advisory committees), staff will present a revised vision statement to the City Council before affirming it with the broader community this summer and fall. Below are questions you may want to consider when reviewing the draft vision statement.

- Are these the right topics to include in the vision statement?
- Does the vision statement describe a future that would meet the community's needs?
- What do you think are the most important issues that we as a City need to address as we look towards 2035?

Timeline

Below is an expected timeline for this process.

- Summer/Fall 2010 Inform the public and gather input on the draft vision
- Winter 2010/2011 Adopt vision statement that will guide policy direction for the Plan update
- Spring 2011- Fall 2012 Goals/Policy Alternatives and Update
- 2013 Implementation/Action Plan and Metrics

¹ For more information on The Natural Step Framework please go to [www:thenaturalstep.org/usa](http://www.thenaturalstep.org/usa)
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Attachments

1. Comprehensive Plan - List of Chapters (The complete Plan can be found at www.ci.oswego.or.us/plan/Comp%20Plan/default.htm)
2. Council Approved Comprehensive Plan Update (Periodic Review) Work Program
3. Draft City Council 2028 Vision