Memorandum



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To: Project Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee

Cc: Project Management Team

From: Joe Dills and Andrew Parish, Angelo Planning Group

Re: Grading and Street Alignment Information

Purpose and Materials Included

Thank you Committee members and others who participated in the discussion of the Major Streets Framework for the Westside Plan on February 22nd. The issue of providing new north-south street connections serving the Westside Area is complex – there are no simple answers. The purpose of this memorandum and the attached technical drawings is to share the background information that was referenced in the Committee meetings. All of this material was reviewed in detail as part of preparing the Alternatives Report. As you know, we closed our initial discussion on February 22nd with a plan to continue evaluation of the options, and bring information back to Committee at your next meeting on April 26th. We will of course share information with all parties at the upcoming Open House on March 9th and the joint work session of the Planning Commission and City Council on March 13th.

The technical drawings in this packet include materials submitted to the project team and analysis performed by project consultants through the Alternatives Evaluation work regarding the alignment and grading of the Mt. Adams Extension and other potential roads in the Westside Area. Included in this packet are the following:

- The "Major Streets Framework" map discussed at the February 22 PAC/TAC meetings, which identifies the general alternative alignments A, B, C, and D.
- Four "Proposed Scenarios" drafted by Andy von Flotow and Vista GeoEnvironmental Services showing different alignments of the Mt. Adams Extension as well as a connection southwest from Wine Country Avenue (identified generally as "Alignment D" in the alternatives analysis materials presented at the February 22 meetings).
- An additional illustration from Andy von Flotow and Vista GeoEnvironmental depicting a "one way loop" idea for the Cascade/Wine Country/Mt Adams area.
- Two grading studies (also called "plan and profile" drawings) created by the project team's civil engineer, David Evans and Associates, to examine the alignments identified as "B" and "C".

Background of Transportation Analysis

The starting point for major street connections in the Westside Area is the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP), which identified the need for a major street connection from roughly Mt. Adams Avenue south to May. As the city grows, this extension is expected to be a critical connectivity improvement in west Hood River that takes a significant amount of traffic from other corridors such as Cascade Avenue, Rand Road, and even 13th street. The TSP did not lay out the precise alignment or design of this connection.















