



CITY OF HOOD RIVER

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To: City of Hood River Planning Commission
From: Kevin Liburdy, Senior Planner
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Re: Westside Area Concept Plan Report

Commissioners,

We are pleased to present to you the Westside Area Concept Plan Report. Adoption of the Concept Plan is one of several actions expected to be taken in response to the City's 2015 Housing Needs Analysis and Housing Strategy.

The existing vision for "the Westside" was established with adoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan nearly 40 years ago. The Concept Plan provides an opportunity to update that vision and to address a variety of current issues including housing and public infrastructure needs, and livability.

The Concept Plan Report addresses the following topics:

- Neighborhoods and Districts
- Streets and Transit
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections
- Parks and Open Space
- Land Use
- Implementation, specifically:
 - Strategies to deliver of workforce and affordable housing
 - Transportation System Plan updates
 - Comprehensive plan policies and zoning code updates
 - Planning for parks and urban services including water, sanitary sewer and stormwater
 - Infrastructure funding

The Concept Plan Report reflects a significant amount of public involvement. However, staff will continue to work with the Planning Commission and the public to shape and refine the Concept Plan including the Land Use Framework, for which three scenarios have been drafted. In order to finalize the Concept Plan, additional public input is needed and choices need to be made in response to issues raised throughout the process.

A series of Planning Commission hearings are anticipated prior to forwarding recommendations to the City Council and County Board of Commissioners for adoption of the Concept Plan. A "process roadmap" has been prepared as a starting point for discussion.

Enc: Process Roadmap
Westside Area Concept Plan Report
Westside Area Concept Plan Report Appendices