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2020 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

Below is the 2020 Work Program to be discussed at the December 2, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The following priorities informed project ranking:

- 1. Projects with a health-life safety component
- 2. Mandated projects (New State laws, Metro, Gorge Commission, FEMA, etc.)
- 3. Mandated projects that implement the 2016 Comprehensive Plan
- 4. Amendments which result in efficiencies (procedural or otherwise)

Typically, more work is identified on a work program than can be accomplished in any given year. Table A below represents top priority projects based the factors listed above. These are projects staff plans to focus on in the year 2020, though given the complexity of many projects, not all listed projects will be finalized in 2020.

Staff has also maintained a list of 'on-deck' projects (Attachment 1) that are not included in Table A for this year's work program. Staff maintains the list of 'on deck' project as a way to keep track of projects for inclusion in future work programs along with other sources such as legislative bills related to land use and the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Though 'on-deck' projects are not included in the 2020 work program, they may be brought to the Planning Commission if the issue becomes more pressing and/or the opportunity arises to elevate the project. 'On deck' projects (or specific aspects of projects) may be bundled with related projects for efficiency. We will plan for one meeting per month, making adjustments as needed, however no Planning Commission meeting will be scheduled in August to help accommodate commissioner and staff vacations.

Finalizing a work program helps the Land Use Division prioritize work. It does not mandate project completion, nor does it preclude work on other projects not identified. Having this flexibility, together with support from the Commission on work program priorities helps the Division best serve the community.

Table A: 2020 Work Program Projects

Mandated Projects

This list is populated when projects are mandated by the State Legislature, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, FEMA.

	Project Name & Year Either Added to Work Program or Identified	Brief Summary	Status	
A1	Amend Comp Plan – Adding a Transit Element to the Transportation System Plan	HB 2017 (2017) provides for rural transit in counties. Project will consist of developing a transit element to the Transportation System Plan (Chapter 12 of the Comprehensive Plan).	Project scoping in progress.	
A2	Placeholder FEMA Mandates	Placeholder for FEMA mandated projects.	N/A	
А3	Placeholder NSA Management Plan Changes	Placeholder for future changes to Chapter 38 (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area) in response to changes to the Columbia River Gorge Management Plan.	N/A	
Health/Life-Safety Projects				
A4	Wildfire Safety Improvement;	Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 7.7: Fire safety and mitigation standards in areas prone to	Briefing was held on December 3, 2018 Additional scoping required before	

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	Improvement;	safety and mitigation standards in areas prone to	Additional scoping required before
	2017	wildfire risk. Also an action item identified in	work session can be scheduled.
	(PC-2017-	2017 Multnomah County Natural Hazard	
	9605)	Mitigation Plan (https://multco.us/em/natural-	
		hazard-mitigation-plan-document-library) and	
		2015 Climate Action Plan	
		(https://multco.us/sustainability/2015-climate-	
		action-plan).	
A5	Geologic	Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 7.1-7.2:	A Briefing was held December 3, 2018.
	Hazards	Update slope hazard maps and regulations.	Additional scoping required before
	(Landslides	Consider Policy 7.3: Development protection	work session can be scheduled.
	and Seismic	regulations in high liquefaction risk areas. Also	
	Hazards); 2018	an action item in 2017 Multnomah County	
	(PC-2018-	Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan	
	10262)	(https://multco.us/em/natural-hazard-mitigation-	
		plan-document-library) and 2015 Climate Action	

		Plan (https://multco.us/sustainability/2015-		
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A6	Floating Structure Regulation; 2011 (PC-2011- 1974)	Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 10.11: Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical Standards for Floating Structures.	Staff has begun exploring implementation options related to Portland's role as the contracted building agent for Multnomah County.	
A7	Mass Gatherings; 2016 (PC-2016-6021)	Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 3.5: Mass Gatherings.	A Briefing was held March 6, 2017 and work session in March 5, 2018 Staff has met with key agency stakeholders and is researching regulatory options. New rules were adopted by the State Legislature in 2019: HB 2790 (2019) and SB 696 (2019).	
Effi	ciency Pro	iects		
A8	Housekeeping / Omnibus	This is a placeholder for housekeeping items. Housekeeping items are typically small corrections or simple code improvements typically not requiring multiple work sessions. Other projects may be more substantive, but do not require a great deal of text revisions and could be bundled into an omnibus ordinance.	Staff has identified a number of housekeeping items that will likely be brought to the Planning Commission in 2020.	
A9	SEC-v efficiencies; 2016 (PC-2019- 11927)	Create Type 1 review and/or exemption to SEC-v permit for small projects, such as an addition, if pre-defined colors and materials used.	Work session held June 3, 2019. Draft ordinance preparation in process. Hearing likely in 2020.	
Oth	ner Project:	· S		
A10	TDM in the Zoning Code 2019	Removing Barriers to and adding support for Transportation Demand Management Strategies in the Zoning code (i.e. parking fees).	Not yet begun.	
Oth	ner Manda	ted Projects		
A11	Middle housing / duplexes on lands zoned for single- family dwellings within the urban growth boundary	HB 2001 (2019) requires Metro counties and cities and cities with population greater than 25,000 to allow middle housing in lands zoned for residential uses within urban growth boundary. Requires counties and cities to amend their comprehensive plan and land use regulations to conform with requirements or to directly apply model ordinance developed by LCDC. Requires cities with population greater than 10,000 or within Metro to allow duplexes in lands zoned for single-family dwellings within urban growth boundary.	Not yet begun.	

A12	EFU / CFU	A number of recent bills affect EFU and CFU	Not yet begun.
	Omnibus	zones. Staff may combine some or all of these	
		resource land projects for efficiency under a	
		resource lands omnibus ordinance. Attachment 2	
		provides brief descriptions of the State legislation	
		relating to the project. The listed projects do not	
		necessarily need to be added to County code in	
		2020 and can be applied directly from Statute.	

List of Projects Completed in 2019				
	Project Name& Year Either Added to Work Program or Identified	Brief Summary	Status	
1	Housekeeping Amendments PC-2018-11006	Amending MCC Chapters 38 and 39 to Make Technical Corrections and Other Housekeeping Code Amendments.	2.	Planning Commission recommended approval on 1.7.19 Board of Commissioners adopted on 3.14.19
2	Sam Barlow School Sewer Extension Project T4-2018-10415	Statewide Planning Goal 11 Exception Request to extend public sewer service from the City of Gresham to the Sam Barlow High School at 5105 SE 302nd Ave (T4-2018-10415)	2.	Planning Commission recommended approval on 3.4.19 Board of Commissioners adopted on 4.4.19
3	Ground Disturbing Activities (PC- 2016-4907)	Amended the provisions for MCC Chapters 38 and 39 related to Ground Disturbing Activity Including Permits for Minimal Impact Projects, Erosion and Sediment Control, Agricultural Fill, Stormwater and Drainage Control, Geologic Hazards and Large Fills.	2.	Planning Commission recommended approval on 12.3.18 Board of Commissioners adopted on 3.14.19