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Susan Anderson
Director
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability
1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97210

Re: Comprehensive Plan Update
Working Draft Part 2: Maps and Infrastructure

Dear Director Anderson:

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) has focused its comments on Portland's Comprehensive Plan, Working Draft Part 2, on the proposed centers and corridors because of the time constraints in this comment period.

After receiving advice and comment from members of SWNI's Transportation and Land Use committees, the SWNI Board unanimously approved the following positions regarding centers and corridors:

- Keep Hillsdale and West Portland as town centers.
- Keep Macadam and Multnomah Village as neighborhood centers.
- Add Garden Home as a neighborhood center.
- Keep Barbur, Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Macadam and Capitol Highway (through Hillsdale) as civic corridors.
- Keep the neighborhood corridors as shown on the BPS map app.
- Add the following as neighborhood corridors:
 - a) SW Capitol Highway/SW 49th from Multnomah Village to Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus.
 - b) SW Multnomah Blvd. from Multnomah Village to Garden Home.

As we wrote to you on May 1, SWNI is concerned about specific language in the Urban Design Framework suggesting that the West Portland Town Center does not meet the typology of centers. The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission and the Portland City Council revised similar language in the Barbur Concept Plan regarding West Portland Town Center, directing the city to "address the deficiencies that are preventing the Crossroads from achieving its potential as a Town Center." We urge you to revise the Plan language to reflect the Portland City Council's adopted language regarding the West Portland Town Center.

We also submitted more specific comments on May 1 requesting that the updated comprehensive plan establish and maintain a logical and clear hierarchy

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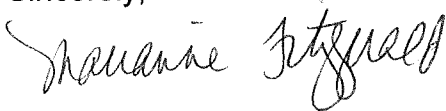
and relationship between the current comprehensive plan and other plans such as the Barbur Concept Plan and Portland Bicycle Plan.

We also noted in May that a high percentage of the housing that will exist in 2035 will be housing that already exists. Public investments in infrastructure and maintenance must go to areas of existing housing and businesses. Investments should not focus just on infrastructure associated with new development. We've seen too much money go to newly developed areas such as the South Waterfront, and not enough to developed areas with serious infrastructure deficiencies like residential Southwest and Outer East Portland.

Our May 1 comments also addressed draft language regarding institutional zones, schools, and natural hazards. We anticipate that the next phase of the draft Comprehensive Plan will provide more detail on these topics.

Thank you for considering SWNI's comments on the Comprehensive Plan Update, Phase 2. We look forward to working closely with you as this planning effort proceeds.

Sincerely,



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