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MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember Richard Conlin, Chair, PLUS
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FROM: Marshall Foster (4-8413) and John Skelton (3-3883), DPD

DATE: January 18, 2013

SUBJECT: **Fourth Quarter Report on 2012 Workplan for DPD's City Planning Division**

This memo is the fourth quarter update to Council on the 2012 workplan for the Department of Planning and Development's City Planning Division. This memo provides 1) an update on our workplan and the status of existing projects; 2) a summary of work program priorities and emergent issues for 2012; and 3) an updated summary of anticipated resources likely to flow from quarterly grant acceptance and supplemental budget ordinances or from any other sources.

Progress on 2012 Work Plan

We are pleased to report that 2012 was an excellent year in making progress towards meeting the goals of the City Planning Division's workplan. Several major initiatives are nearing completion. Several project timelines were extended due to considerable public interest requiring additional process, or unanticipated issues that required additional analysis. Updates and milestones on key projects include:

- Capitol Hill TOD Development Agreement. We have completed negotiations with Sound Transit on terms for a development agreement for redevelopment of ST properties on Capitol Hill; The legal departments of both the City and Sound Transit are drafting a development agreement that will likely be before Council for final approval in March 2013.
- Neighborhood Planning. Legislation to complete rezoning in the Mount Baker station area pursuant to the recent Neighborhood Plan Update process there will be transmitted to Council shortly. Plan updates for the Rainier Beach and Broadview/Haller/Bitter Lake neighborhood plans were included in the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments forwarded to Council in November 2012 and will be before the Council in March 2013. We anticipate completing recommendations for zoning and land use changes later in 2013. We will continue working with a range of communities in Rainier Valley on a feasibility study for a multi-cultural community center. We will also begin planning work and community engagement along 23rd Avenue, Little Saigon and the I-90 Station.



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- Shoreline Master Program Update. The proposed new Shoreline Master Program is nearing a vote in Council, expected shortly.
- South Lake Union. We look forward to our continued support of the Council's review of proposals for rezoning the South Lake Union Urban Center.
- TIF for TDR: DPD has included the development standards necessary to implement the TIF for TDR program in the South Lake Union Urban Center and Downtown as part of the proposed South Lake Union rezoning. In Q1 2012 we will be submitting the project list, interlocal agreement with King County, and final legislation to define the Local Infrastructure Project Area. This legislation is necessary to implement the program.
- University District. The "University District Livability Partnership" initiated between the community, the University of Washington and the City is proceeding with some key milestones soon to be realized. City consultants are completing an evaluation of residential development potential in the University District. A draft urban design framework should be completed in Q1 2013. Next we will begin the scoping process and consultant selection for the University District Environmental Impact Statement, for which we anticipate a draft release by the end of 2013.

Emerging Issues

With the proposal for a new sports arena in the vicinity of Seattle's other professional sports facilities, DPD has been asked to take on two additional work items: 1) to review the potential for changes to policies for the Duwamish M/IC to establish a "Port Overlay" and consider other tools to further protect industrial uses, and 2) to review the provisions of the Stadium Area Overlay District to reevaluate its effectiveness given planned transportation changes in the area and the recently completed "Stadium District Concept Plan." We appreciate Council's efforts to include additional resources to complete this work in DPD's budget; we are now working with other affected parties to leverage additional resources. We expect that advisory committees for both efforts will be formed and meeting by February 2013, with a goal of making preliminary recommendations by July 2013.

Attachments:

City Planning Division Workplan 2012-2014 (Revised)
2012 Grant Sources Summary Table