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DRAFT 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

Below is the 2021 Work Program to be discussed at the January 4, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. The following priorities informed project ranking:

1. Projects with a health-life safety component
2. Required projects (New State laws, Metro, Gorge Commission, FEMA, etc.)
3. Required 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 2021, though given the complexity of many projects, not all listed projects will be finalized in 2021.

Staff also maintains a list of ‘on-deck’ projects (Attachment 1) that are not included in Table A. 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 2021 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 Planning (LUP) 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 LUP best serve the community.

Table A: 2021 Work Program Projects

Required Projects

This list is populated when projects are required by the State Legislature, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, FEMA, State Rulemaking, case law, and so on.

	Project Name & Case Number	Brief Summary	Status	Year Added	Source
A1	Sauvie Island Levee Accreditation and FIRM Updates FEMA Mandates (PC-2019-12292)	<p>The Sauvie Island levee system (maintained by the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company) is in the process of being accredited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as meeting specific federal design, operation and maintenance standards which reduce flood risk.</p> <p>In January 2019, Multnomah County received the final report from the US Army Corps of Engineers certifying the Sauvie Island levee system for 10 years and recommending to FEMA to maintain levee accreditation status.</p> <p>Multnomah County is required as part of the federal levee accreditation process to submit a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application to FEMA to include consideration of new flood data for lands inside the Sauvie Island levee system. This project is anticipated to involve map revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which in turn inform the location of the County's Flood Hazard Zones.</p> <p>Maintaining accurate flood zone maps supports the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.</p>	Consulting engineers are producing draft maps. Public Outreach is being planned.	2019	FEMA
A2	Columbia River Gorge Management Plan Update	<p>The Columbia River Gorge Commission approved the revised "Gorge 2020" Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area on October 13, 2020. The Plan was last reviewed and revised in 2004.</p> <p>Changes include technical updates to the Scenic and Natural Resources chapters of the Plan, as well as policy updates to the Economic Development, Land Uses, Urban Area Boundary revisions, and Recreation Chapters. A new Climate Change Chapter has also been added to the Plan. More information about the 2020</p>	Scoping to include identifying the amendments required by the CRGC and to look for opportunities to include other identified amendments to Chapter 38.	2021	Columbia River Gorge Commission

		<p>Management plan can be found at: http://www.gorgecommission.org</p> <p>The plan update will require updates to Multnomah County Code Chapter 38 (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area) in order to maintain compliance with the Columbia River Gorge Management Plan.</p>			
A3	<p>Middle housing / duplexes on lands zoned for single-family dwellings within the urban growth boundary</p> <p>(PC-2019-12721)</p>	<p>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 to requirements or to directly apply model ordinance developed by LCDC.</p>	<p>Not yet begun.</p> <p>State rulemaking recently completed.</p>	2019	State
A4	<p>EFU / CFU Omnibus</p>	<p>A number of recent bills affect EFU and CFU 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.</p>	<p>Not yet begun.</p>	2015-2019	State

Health/Life-Safety Projects

A5	<p>Wildfire Safety Improvement; 2017</p> <p>(PC-2017-9605)</p>	<p>Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 7.7: Fire safety and mitigation standards in areas prone to wildfire risk. Also an action item identified in 2017 Multnomah County Natural Hazard 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).</p>	<p>Briefing was held on December 3, 2018. Additional scoping required before work session can be scheduled. Possible new statewide legislation coming in 2021.</p>	2017	Comp Plan
A6	<p>Geologic Hazards (Landslides and Seismic Hazards); 2018</p>	<p>Implements Comprehensive Plan Policy 7.1-7.2: Update slope hazard maps and regulations. Consider Policy 7.3: Development protection regulations in high liquefaction risk areas. Also an action item in 2017 Multnomah County</p>	<p>A Briefing was held December 3, 2018. Additional scoping</p>	2018	Comp Plan

	(PC-2018-10262)	Natural Hazard 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).	required before work session can be scheduled.		
A7	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.	2011	Comp Plan
A8	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 New laws were adopted by the State Legislature in 2019: HB 2790 (2019) and SB 696 (2019).	2016	Comp Plan

Efficiency Projects

A9	Agricultural Fill Revisions (PC-2016-5384)	Agricultural Fill regulations were adopted on March 14, 2019 through County Ordinance 1271 as part of a larger legislative project related to regulation of ground disturbing activities (project PC-2016-5384). In implementing the Agricultural Fill regulations, staff have identified provisions of the Code that would benefit from further study and possible amendment.	Not yet begun.	2020	Comp Plan & County Ord. 1271
A10	Housekeeping (PC-2020-13166)	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.	2019	Staff

Transportation Projects

A11	TSP Update 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.	2017	HB 2017
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Current Planner Projects

A12	Projects to be determined	This is a new category for typically smaller projects identified by current planning staff.	Not yet begun	2020	Staff
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Attachments

Attachment 1: On Deck Work Program Projects

Attachment 2: EFU – CFU Omnibus Project List