

**MEMO FOR PLANNING COMMISSION BRIEFING SCHEDULED JANUARY 6, 2014
CASE FILE: PC-2013-2931**

TO: MULTNOMAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FROM: ADAM BARBER, SENIOR PLANNER
**RE: STATUS OF THE SAUVIE ISLAND / MULTNOMAH CHANNEL RURAL AREA PLAN
AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE**

Multnomah County Planning Commission,

Happy New Year! We have arranged a briefing at the Sauvie Island Academy January 6th to provide staff an opportunity to update the Commission on progress related to the Sauvie Island / Multnomah Channel Plan and Transportation System Plan update. The Planning Commission briefing will follow a public Open House beginning at 5:30pm which members of the Commission are invited to attend.

Since the conclusion of the Sauvie Island / Multnomah Channel scoping effort last spring, I am pleased to report that the Multnomah County Land Use and Transportation Program is moving forward with updating both the Rural Area and Transportation System Plans. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC), comprised of a group of interested and knowledgeable community members has been appointed by the Board of County Commissions and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of state and local agencies has been formed. To date, we have held two CAC and two technical subcommittee meetings on topics ranging from parks and public facilities, marinas and floating homes and agriculture and rural character.

We heard clearly during the scoping effort that the community desired preservation of “rural character” and we started a visioning conversation with the CAC to help articulate what this phrase means. We have found that this is a very subjective phrase which may have slightly different meaning for each person. We continue to explore this topic and look forward to hearing the Commission’s thoughts at the January meeting.

We are tentatively planning additional briefings with the Planning Commission in March and again in May, 2014 so that the Commission stays informed as the project evolves. A copy of the most recent project schedule is enclosed as Attachment A.

Attachment A: Project Schedule (updated 11/21/2013)