



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

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DATE: June 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Deschutes 2040 Meeting #10 – Secondary Review of Goals and Policies

I. BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Plan is Deschutes County's policy document for guiding growth and development within the county over a 20-year planning period. The plan's purpose is to provide a policy framework for zoning and land use regulations, demonstrate consistency with statewide goals, rules, and laws, and serve as a cohesive vision for future planning activities.

The project currently is straddling phases three and four, focusing on policy finalization and compilation of the full Comprehensive Plan document. Staff is requesting the Planning Commission conduct their secondary review of draft goals and policies during the June 22 meeting. Staff will then return in July with the initial draft of the entire document, including chapter narratives and background information.

II. SECONDARY REVIEW OF GOALS AND POLICIES

The Planning Commission provided initial comments and suggested edits to policies at the meetings listed below:

- November 11, 2022: Review of Batch 1 Policies – Community Engagement, Land Use, Agricultural Lands
- December 8, 2022: Review of Batch 2 Policies – Forest Lands, Natural Resources, Natural Hazards
- March 9, 2023: Review of Revised Batch 1 Policies
- March 23, 2023: Review of Batch 3 Policies – Housing, Economy, Public Facilities and Services, Recreation and Tourism, Destination Resorts, Area Specific Policies
- March 30, 2023: Additional Review of Batch 3 Policies

Following this initial review, staff conducted additional community outreach to gather community sentiments and perspectives on key issues. This information was presented at the June 8, 2023 meeting to inform Commissioners’ secondary review of the goals and policies. At that time, staff noted the engagement summary had a few errors, which have been corrected and a revised version has been uploaded to resources page on the project website¹.

During the June 22 meeting, the consultant team will provide an overview of edits made in response to Planning Commissioner comments and community feedback and Commissioners will conduct their secondary review of the goals and policies, with a focus on revised policy language. Staff requests that Commissioners share any feedback they have at this meeting, as the next step will be to compile a draft of the entire Comprehensive Plan document.

III. NEXT STEPS

The next meeting with the Planning Commission for the Deschutes 2040 project will be held in July.

Table 1 – Tentative Dates for Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings

Activity Description	Start Date
	2023
PC Meeting #11 – Draft Document Review	July 27
PC Meeting #12 – Preparation for Public Hearing	October 12
PC Meeting #13 – Initial Public Hearing	October 26

Attachment

Revised Policy Batch 1 – Community Engagement, Land Use, Agricultural Lands

Revised Policy Batch 2 – Forest Lands, Natural Resources, Natural Hazards

Revised Policy Batch 3 – Housing, Jobs and Economy, Recreation and Tourism, Destination Resorts, Area Specific Policies

¹www.deschutes.org/2040