



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

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DATE: September 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Deschutes County 2040 – Action Plan Review

On September 26, 2024, the Deschutes County Planning Commission will review the draft Action Plan associated with the Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan (“Comprehensive Plan”) and provide recommendations to staff.

I. BACKGROUND AND ACTION PLAN CONTENT

The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is completing the process to adopt the Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan following an extensive two-and-a-half-year process. The Comprehensive Plan provides high-level policy guidance on issues pertaining to growth, development, and conservation in the rural county for a twenty-year period. Throughout the process of updating the document many community members, elected officials, and agency staff, provided insightful feedback on actions the county could take to implement the goals and policies within the plan.

These recommendations have been summarized and refined through the Action Plan in Attachment A. The Action Plan is not a formal land use decision and will not be formally adopted, instead, it will be acknowledged by the Board and utilized to inform the Community Development Department’s annual work plan.

II. ACTION PLAN CONTENT AND COMMISSION REVIEW

The Action Plan is broken down into five sections: code updates, education and outreach, specialty projects, lobbying, and coordination. Each section outlines the action strategy, a

description of the task, and estimated staff resources. The document also includes a quick reference spreadsheet summarizing the tasks, resources, and potential partners.

The items included in the Action Plan are those that were widely discussed during the initial community engagement process and through public comments associated with the Comprehensive Plan Update process. For items that are complex and controversial, staff attempted to describe the general sentiment provided by community members and emphasized the need for an extensive engagement process to determine potential approaches to the project, rather than directing a particular outcome.

Staff is seeking feedback from commissioners on the draft Action Plan. No votes are required, although consensus on recommendations is preferred. Staff will then carry forward recommendations from the Planning Commission to the Board, during their review of the document this fall.

III. NEXT STEPS

Staff will review the draft Action Plan with the Board in October or November, dependent on Board availability.

Attachments:

- A. Draft Action Plan