



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Deschutes County Planning Commission

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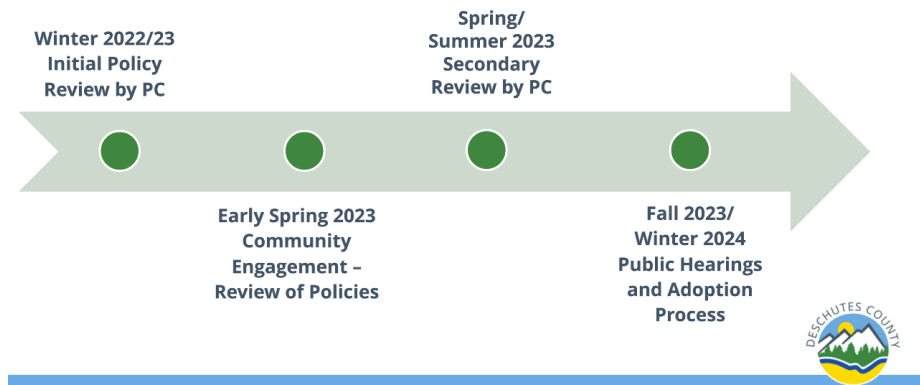
**DATE:** June 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Deschutes 2040 Meeting #9 – Spring Engagement Review

**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 is currently in phase three, which is focused on finalizing policy language and conducting the second round of community outreach.



**II. SUMMARY OF ROUND 2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The project team conducted the initial round of community engagement between October 2022 and February 2023. The primary goal of the initial round of engagement was to gather broader community input on key issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the County over the next 20 years. In analyzing this information, many issues and opportunities were agreed upon by

participants, while others tended to be more polarizing and warranted a wider diversity of opinions.

To better understand the nuance of these topics, the second round of engagement was focused on collecting feedback on the most debated topics, including ranking of support for draft policy directives related to that particular issue. Between April 5 and May 5, staff held five in-person open houses in various location throughout the county, in addition to a live online Q&A session, several pop-up engagement events, and creation of an online community forum where community members could interact with each other on draft policy directives.

The project team has summarized the second round of outreach through two documents attached to this memo. This information is intended to assist Commissioners in their secondary review of goals and policies during the June 22, 2023 meeting.

- Engagement Audit: Assessment of the second round of outreach, successes, and areas for improvement.
- Summary of Round 1 Open House Engagement: Detailed discussion of input received through the second round of in-person and virtual engagement.

Staff and the project consultant will provide a presentation summarizing this information during the meeting.

#### **IV. NEXT STEPS**

The next meeting on the Deschutes 2040 Project will be on June 22. At that time, Commissioners will conduct their second and final review of goals and policies prior to the initiation of the public hearing process. Staff has included an updated schedule of meetings related to the Deschutes County 2040 project below.

**Table 1 – Tentative Dates for Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings**

<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
	<b>2023</b>
PC Meeting #10 – Secondary Review of Goals and Policies	June 22
PC Meeting #11 - Draft Document Review	July 27
PC Meeting #12 – Preparation for Public Hearing	September 14
PC Meeting #13 – Initial Public Hearing	October 12

#### Attachments

Engagement Audit #2

Summary of Round 2 Online and In Person Open House Engagement