



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

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DATE: March 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Deschutes 2040 Meeting #6 – Initial Engagement and Revised Policy Batch 1 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.

Staff is currently completing phase 2 of the process focused on policy creation and entering phase 3 of the project, which is focused on finalizing policy language and conducting the second round of community outreach.

II. SUMMARY OF ROUND 1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Between October 2022 and February 2023, staff facilitated a variety of engagement events to gather community input on key issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the County over the next 20 years. The project team has summarized these events through three documents attached to this memo, which will assist Commissioners in understanding community sentiments surrounding broader land use and planning related topics.

- Engagement Audit: Assessment of the initial round of outreach, successes, and areas for improvement
- Summary of Round 1 Meeting-in-a-Box Engagement: Detailed discussion of input received through fifty-six small group engagement events with community organizations, agencies, and social groups.
- Summary of Round 1 Open House Engagement: Detailed discussion of input received through

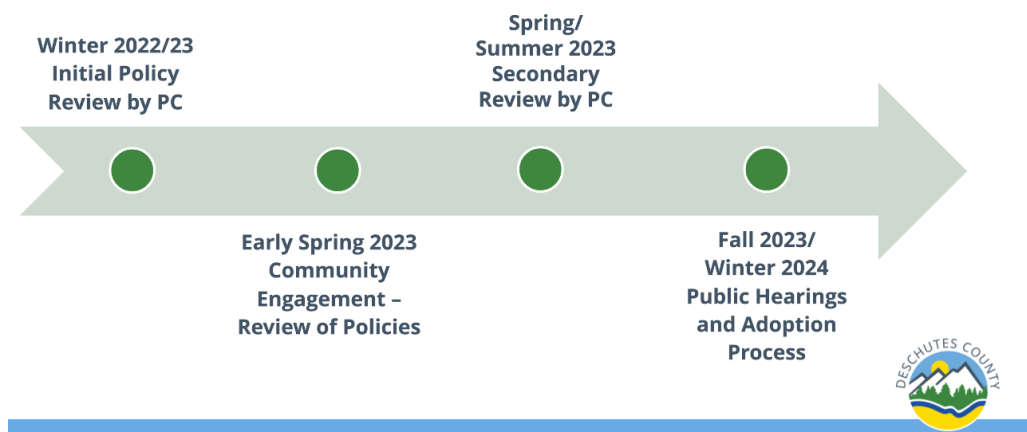
four in-person and one online open house event held this fall. Attachments to the report include project posters, online comments, and written comments from the in-person open house events.

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

III. REVIEW OF REVISED POLICY BATCH 1

On November 10, 2022, Commissioners conducted initial review of Comprehensive Plan policies in three topic areas: community engagement, land use, and agricultural lands. Due to the extension of the online survey and ongoing “meeting-in-a-box meetings”, community feedback had not yet been incorporated into the policies. The project team has provided several in depth summaries of feedback received through the initial round of community engagement, and has incorporated this feedback in to the revised set of policies. Additional edits and comments were made based on Commissioner comments at the November 10 meeting.

Staff seeks any additional Commissioner input on these topic area policies before bringing policy concepts to the community during the second round of outreach this spring. As a reminder, Commissioners will have a second chance to review all policies prior to the public hearing process.



IV. NEXT STEPS

The next meeting on the Deschutes 2040 Project will be on March 23 and will be focused on Part 3 of the initial policy review. Topics are tentatively planned to include the following:

- Housing
- Economic Development
- Recreation
- Public Facilities
- Area Specific Policies

Table 1 – Tentative Dates for Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings

Activity Description	Start Date
	2023
PC Meeting #6 - Policy Review Part 3	March 23
In Person Open House Round #2 - Review of Draft Goals and Policies	April/May
Online Survey #2 - Review of Draft Goals and Policies	April/May
PC Meeting #7 - Results of Engagement Activities/Policy Refinement	May
PC Meeting #8 - Draft Action Plan Document Review	June
PC Meeting #9 - Draft Comprehensive Plan Document Review	July

Attachment

Engagement Audit #1

Summary of Round 1 Meeting-in-a-Box Engagement

Summary of Round 1 Online and In Person Open House Engagement

Revised Policy Batch 1 – Agriculture, Land Use, Community Engagement Goals and Policies