

July 29, 2008

Dear River Plan Committee Members,

I want to thank each of you for your participation on the River Plan Committee overseeing the development of the River Plan / North Reach. The work we have done together has been of great value to the City. I know that I have learned a considerable amount about the issues from all of you and am grateful to you for the time you have spent on this important endeavor. The planning process has benefited significantly from your participation, and now it is time to move on to the Planning Commission phase.

At our last meeting on June 5th we heard comments on the May 23rd draft plan from many in the community. Based on feedback at the meeting, staff extended the comment deadline to June 20th and offered an additional extension for those who felt they needed additional time. Members of the Linnton community and Metro staff were granted an extension to July 15th. That deadline has now passed and with this letter we are conveying to you all of the comments we have received, some from a little beyond the formal deadline, so that you may consider these comments and provide staff with any further direction for the Proposed Draft Plan. This new draft will be published in early September. If you have anything else to convey to staff it should be forwarded to them by August 8th.

We've adjusted our schedule some and are now planning to hold the general Planning Commission briefing on September 23rd, the public hearing on October 28th, and a work session on December 9th, before moving through the City Council process. While we have concluded our River Plan Committee meetings, I want you to know that I welcome your continued participation as individuals in the Planning Commission process. If you would like to testify as invited guests at the Planning Commission hearing on October 28th, please let Sallie know.

Once again, thank you for your time and thoughtful contributions to this important planning process.

Sincerely,



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President, Portland Planning Commission  
Chair, River Plan Committee, North Reach

