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SUBJECT: **Draft Work Program—Initiatives with Land Use Code Amendments**

The purpose of this Management Brief is to re-cap the Council direction on the PCD/Development Services planning and code work program. At the September 14 Study Session on this topic, the Council reviewed the staff proposal for a 2015-16 work program to balance resources with Council priorities for new planning initiatives. The Council provided direction on the final work program, and asked staff to return with a re-cap in order to provide closure from that discussion.

Staff is prepared to proceed with the work program elements as summarized below. Together, they entail a program that advances Council goals and the community vision for the City's major growth centers, as well as key City-wide and neighborhood initiatives.

The resulting work program is presented here in outline form; the individual initiatives are more fully described in the materials presented at Council's August 3 and September 14 Study Sessions. The geographic distribution of the work program is shown in Attachment A.

**Draft Work Program -- Initiatives with Land Use Code Amendments**

|  | Q4<br>2015 | Q1<br>2016 | Q2<br>2016 | Q3<br>2016 | Q4<br>2016 |
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| <b>INITIATIVES UNDERWAY</b>                        |            |            |            |            |            |
| Downtown Livability (includes boundary adjustment) |            |            |            |            |            |
| Eastgate/I-90 Corridor                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Station Area Planning – East Main                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| TOD at OMSF and 130th LRT stations                 |            |            |            |            |            |
| Permanent Shelter                                  |            |            |            |            |            |

|   | <b>Q4<br/>2015</b> | <b>Q1<br/>2016</b> | <b>Q2<br/>2016</b> | <b>Q3<br/>2016</b> | <b>Q4<br/>2016</b> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Old Bellevue Parking--small retail exemption        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OMSF Permit Process Simplification                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Marijuana Permanent Regulations                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Critical Areas Update                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| LID Principles (NPDES Phase II)                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>NEW INITIATIVES</b>                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Wilburton Special Opportunity Area/Grand Connection |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| BelRed “lookback” (scoping)                         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Housing Strategy                                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Neighborhood/Subarea Planning – First Subarea       |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Small Cell Wireless/Broadband Connectivity          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Pipeline Safety (scoping)                           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Other items in Land Use Code Docket as time allows  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

### **Additional Council Direction**

In addition to direction on which initiatives to move forward in the next 12 months, staff also captured the following specific feedback and clarifications below; these will be incorporated into the work program moving forward.

- **Wilburton Special Opportunity Area/Grand Connection**
  - Include higher level look at the entire Grand Connection west to Meydenbauer Bay, with finer grain work on the area from I-405 to the Eastside Rail Corridor and its integration with Wilburton land use.
  - Include related work on housing and parking as part of the Wilburton plan.
- **Civic Center District**
  - Detailed design work will not be underway in this work program, but staff will be examining key relationships that need to be understood to interface with other work (e.g. elevation for connecting the Grand Connection from the Metro site across the freeway).
- **Downtown Parking**
  - While not in this 12-month work program, a Comprehensive Downtown Parking study remains a priority and should be considered as resources free up.
  - For Old Bellevue small retail parking exemption, staff to bring back option A3 in draft ordinance for Council vote (Clarification with grandfathering of three buildings that were mistakenly afforded the benefit of the parking exemption after 1998).
- **BelRed “Lookback” Scoping**
  - Current work encompasses analysis and public outreach to identify potential scope of review.

- Staff analysis Q4 2015; outreach on scoping Q1 2016; Council direction on scope and timeline for BelRed review Q2 2016.
- **Pipeline safety**
  - Direction to proceed with scoping of this issue.

### **Next Steps**

Staff has attempted to capture the Council's direction from the September 14 Study Session, which sets forth an ambitious program of planning and code initiatives. This direction will guide staff and the Planning Commission through the end of 2015 and well into next year. For the major new planning initiatives, staff will be returning to Council to formally initiate each major project, with the opportunity for additional Council direction on project scope and process.

### **ATTACHMENT**

A. Graphic showing geographic distribution of Work Program