Meeting Notes

Friday, September 11, 2015

City Staff: Bryan Snodgrass, City of Vancouver; Elizabeth Decker (City of La Center, City of Ridgefield and City of Woodland), Erin Erdman, City of Battle Ground, Mitch Kneipp, City of Washougal, Mark Harrington, RTC

County Staff: Oliver Orjiako, Gordy Euler, Jose Alvarez, Sharon Lumbantobing

Meeting Notes by: Gary Albrecht

Welcome & Introductions

- Gary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Discussion on the development of a 2040 TAZ level forecast for RTP effort

- RTC is working towards updating its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). When the comp plan is updated it will need to be reflected in the RTP. A transportation analysis zone (TAZ) assessment will need to occur at the household and employment level for the region that reflects the 2015 comp plan update. RTP is supposed to be 20 years out with a planning horizon of 2040. By Oregon State statute, Metro is no longer responsible for forecasting (population and employment). Portland State University now provides forecasting for Metro. DLCD is responsible for forecast outside of Metro. Clark County is included in PSU’s forecasting model. However, RTC does not utilize their forecast numbers.

- RTC’s draft population and forecast is......

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- Clark County’s 2016 Draft SEIS shows a 2035 county population projection of 577,431.
- Cities agreed that they would like to see RTC using identical jobs/hh in 2035 and 2040.
- When the BOCC selects a preferred alternative (anticipated October 2015), community planning staff will work on a TAZ level analysis of the preferred alternative.
- In October, RTC would like to supply Metro with a Clark County 2040 population & employment number.
- During local jurisdictions review of the TAZ analysis, jurisdictions can move land designations around TAZs inside their UGBs.

Discussion of the joint PC/BOCC hearings on the DSEIS

- Joint hearings were held on 9/3 & 9/10.
- PC is moving into their deliberations on 9/17 to select a preferred alternative.
- Staff does not plan to make a recommendation to the PC.
• Staff will present Alternative #1 as the base. They will present alternatives 2-4 as additions to alternative #1.
• Public written record remains open until 4 pm on 9/17.
• Cities are encouraged to submit any additional information (if needed) by 9/15.
• During public testimony - Attorney Steve Horenstein indicated that alternative #4 is not legal. Attorney Jamie Howsley mentioned two issues with the current DSEIS: 1 - population, 2 - infrastructure deduction.
• RTC indicated that the DSEIS statements of the RTP plan is not accurate.
• Oliver encouraged RTC to submit comments on the DSEIS so that the consultant can correct the SEIS for the final.
• Battle Ground, Ridgefield and La Center would like to see Alternative #3 go forward.
• Woodland is not referenced in the DSEIS.
• City of Vancouver sees Alternative #4 as the biggest rural up zone in terms of area covered.

Issues/New Business
• None discussed.

Roundtable
La Center - City Council approved a new multi-family zone and a new code for manufactured home subdivisions in multi-family housing. Comp plan update in progress.
Ridgefield - Two small annexation requests in the southern part of the city. A lot of subdivisions are coming online, due to end of the 10-year vesting period. They have an industrial property expansion approved for development and is currently being appealed. They are pursuing a marina planning effort to regulate structures for their marina. Ridgefield will be the first in the state to adopt a floating homes building code. Green building standards are on the shelf for now. They recently implemented a golf cart zone in downtown Ridgefield. Comp plan update in progress.
Woodland - Submitted SMP program update to DOE for their approval. They are working on a golf cart zone ordinance. Comp plan update in progress.
Battle Ground - Received a petition for a 40-acre annexation expansion to the city boundary. Staff is fielding a lot of calls on industrial properties.
County - Preparing for the PC deliberations on 9/17. Parks plan BOCC hearing is on 9/22. SMP Limited Amendment BOCC hearing is on 10/13. Rural Industrial Land Bank project, open house on 10/29. PC adoption is November and BOCC adoption in December. Going to the PC in October with the School Capital Facility Plans, work session is on 10/1 and hearing is on 10/15. Ridgefield has seen an increase of 300%. Typically, staff asks the cities to have councils approve their plans prior to the county taking action. New legislation on when to collect fees will need to be in effect by September 2016. Community Development will take the lead on updating fee collection times. Capital Facility Plan is in the process of being updated, Matt Hermen is the project lead.

Vancouver - Few annual reviews go to the Planning Commission. Brownfields programs moving forward than includes an EPA grant to do a citywide assessment.

Action Item: submit agenda items.
Next Meeting October 9, 2015. Washougal