

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Establishing a Subcommittee For Light Rail Station Planning
DEPARTMENT: Planning & Community Development
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INTRODUCTION

At the August 2, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission agreed by majority to assemble a subcommittee to study the light rail station special study area.

BACKGROUND

On July 9, 2012 the Planning Commission and City Council met to discuss next year's work plan. Two high priority items, light rail station area planning and increasing maximum allowable heights, were discussed. Based on the conversation between Council and Commission, light rail station area planning will be the Commission's focus in the upcoming year.

The Commission has already reviewed proposed goals and policies in the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan related to light rail stations at two separate meetings. Also, at the meeting on August 2, the Commission reviewed the proposed Land Use Map with station area study areas and made recommendations as to what map the Commission preferred.

PROPOSAL

At this meeting, the Planning Commission will identify the three (3) Commissioners that will form the subcommittee to advance the Council's goal of bringing two light rail stations to the City of Shoreline.

DUTIES

The Planning Commission Bylaws state; "Committees may be appointed by the Commission Chair. Standing committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission and special committees shall also serve for such purposes and terms as the Commission approves. Committees shall establish their own meeting schedule, and the deliberations thereof shall take the form of written reports, submitted to the entire Commission".

The specific tasks for the subcommittee have not yet been defined. The Planning Commission may wish to task the subcommittee with such items as, evaluating proposed goals and policies for light rail station area planning; reviewing the proposed

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land use map to assure that the special study area encompasses the appropriate planning area; and reporting back to the full Commission on the subcommittee's recommendations. The Commission may forward this recommendation to the Council for review.

The Subcommittee should discuss the timing, schedule, reporting, and the overall goal of the Committee at its first meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission Chair seeks volunteers from the Commission and appoint a maximum of three Commissioners to serve on the light rail station planning subcommittee; and the Commission verify the purpose and terms of the Committee.