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Ms. Doddelly,

I am unable to attend Thursday's Commission meeting and thus provide comment on item #3 "Update from the City of Damascus on its Adoption Process" of which I have grave concerns. By way of introduction I was one of the citizen's that spearheaded the formation of the City and served on its initial City Council. I also served for many years on Metro's MPAC and thus have a good understanding the urban growth boundary expansion and its requirements.

The City, now on its second extension from the Commission to supply its comprehensive plan and implementing land use regulations, is no where close to complying with the now imposed November 2010 deadline as outlined in Compliance Schedule Order Number 001780. At the very best, if the City were able to follow its timetable dated June 28, 2010, they will provide a comprehensive plan map only on November 29, 2010 and none of the other required items.

Having followed the City's process and seen schedule after schedule missed I do not hold much hope. The introduction of a second plan a couple of months ago creating division on the Council and confusion with the public is only one example. I would also note that the introduction of a new planning commission will have its own dynamics and doesn't bode well for a tight timeline.

I attended one of the City "coffee klatches" on the plan and learned that the Council is openly defying Metro's Title 11 on residential density and Title 4 industrial lands. I wonder how many other areas outlined in the December 2006 MOU between the DLCD, Metro, and the City are not being adhered to?

At the Commission's January 2010 meeting it was recommended that the Commission adopt the City's draft plan. Now that there are two plans and those plans do not appear to meet DLCD and Metro's requirements I might suggest that the Commission adopt the Concept Plan developed by Clackamas County, Metro, and the City. Though contentious it was accepted by the parties after a through public vetting and meets the State's and Metro's requirements. Interestingly enough its not that much different from one of the current draft plans.

I do not believe it is fair or equitable to the citizen's of Damascus to

continually drag this process out. The City's continuing inability to comply with the agreements they have entered into and with the law is being rewarded by these extensions from the Commission.

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