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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 13, September 24-25, 2015, LCDC Meeting**

## CITY OF PORTLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

### I. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The city of Portland is updating its comprehensive plan through the formal periodic review process. Portland originally developed its comprehensive plan in 1980 and this is the first major update. The comprehensive plan update will help to implement the [Portland Plan](#), the city's strategic plan for a "prosperous, educated, healthy, equitable and resilient" city. The 2035 [Draft Comprehensive Plan](#), as recommended by the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission, provides a framework for the city to create opportunities for more jobs, affordable housing, a low-carbon economy, a clean environment, expanded transportation choices, and greater equity among Portlanders.

The city developed the plan with extensive research and technical analysis and a considerable amount of community participation. It includes goals and policies that set specific directions for future decision-makers, a comprehensive plan map, urban design framework (a map-based illustration of the vision for 2035), and a list of significant projects to direct major investments in public infrastructure like streets, sidewalks and parks. The recommended 2035 Plan carries forward the best of the many successful approaches from the 1980 comprehensive plan and it considers new priorities and recommends that Portland find more advanced ways to:

- Create complete, healthy, connected neighborhoods throughout the city to meet the needs of 120,000 new households
- Ensure there is commercial and industrial land available to support 140,000 new jobs
- Create a low-carbon city that is energy- and resource-efficient and creates local jobs
- Integrate public health and equity goals into land use policies
- Improve resiliency and decrease development pressure in areas that lack public services or are susceptible to hazards like flooding and landslides
- Plan and design distinctive areas of the city to fit local conditions
- Promote affordable housing throughout the city in areas with good access to transit, grocery stores and shops, schools and other services
- Improve natural areas and open space that help integrate nature into the city
- Promote schools as multi-use facilities and assets that serve the whole community