



Public Works and Utilities Department

MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 23, 2006

**To:** Stephen Henrichsen, Planning

**From:** Mike Brienzo, Transportation Planning 

**Subject:** *Comments on Proposals & Changes for the Planning Commission Review Edition of the Comprehensive Plan*

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Public Works Department: Engineering Services has reviewed the second set of Proposals and Changes to the Planning Commission Review Edition of the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan (as proposed at Public Hearing of October 18, 2006) and is offering a few comments.

**Proposal #9. North 84<sup>th</sup> and Cornhusker, East of N. 84<sup>th</sup> north of Cornhusker Highway, change, 10+ acres from Agricultural to Industrial.**

This is located outside the 2030 Future Service limit and on the north side of the BNSF Railroad's main line through Lincoln (having approximately 45 trains per day). Concern with locating industrial development to the north of the RR tracks is the potential of having high traffic volumes crossing these tracks to access US 6 (Cornhusker Hwy) in conflict with fast moving trains. The higher the exposure rate (vehicles times trains) at this location, the greater the safety risk.

**Proposal #10. South 56<sup>th</sup> and Rokeby Road, between S. 48<sup>th</sup> and S. 56<sup>th</sup> Streets and north of Rokeby Road, change approximately 80 acres from Priority B to Priority A.**

The Public Works Department concern is for the provision of services to this area in a timely manner. The "Priority A" designation would indicate that services and necessary road improvements can be programmed within the 6 year capital programming period which does not appear to be feasible. A "Priority B or C" designation would better allow programming activities for necessary improvements to be pursued in an effort to support development in this area.

**Proposal #11. North 56<sup>th</sup> and I-80, west of N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street (Highway 77) and north of Interstate 80, delete "Highway Oriented Commercial" designation for N. 56<sup>th</sup> and I-80 on page 47 of the Comprehensive Plan.**

Long Range Transportation Planning and Engineering has no comment.

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**Proposal #12. South 38<sup>th</sup> Street and South Beltway, west of S. 38<sup>th</sup> Street and north of future South Beltway and south of Saltillo Road, delete “Highway Oriented Commercial” designation for “South Beltway and S. 27<sup>th</sup>” on page 47 and replace it with a Community Center designation or no designation.**

The Public Works Department concern is the intensification of projected land uses which have not been adequately reviewed to determine the impacts and necessary infrastructure improvements.

**Proposal #13. Delete “Highway Oriented Commercial” designation entirely from the Comprehensive Plan.**

Long Range Transportation Planning and Engineering has no comment.

**Proposal #14. Delete principles and references to Hazardous Materials and Pipelines on page 40 of the Comprehensive Plan.**

The principles in the Comprehensive Plan have value in that they promote safety issues and emergency planning within the community.

**Proposal #15. Delete Comprehensive Plan population assumptions on page 25 of the 2030 Lincoln/ Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.**

Long Range Transportation Planning and Engineering has no comment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me in the Public Works & Utilities Department at 441-6369.