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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members
FROM: Downtown Plan Staff
RE: Status of Phase II Downtown Planning Studies

History and Status

On December 28, 1972, the City Council adopted the Document Planning Guidelines/Portland Downtown Plan. This document contained only general language on (1) traffic circulation (pedestrian, transit and auto/truck/taxi) and parking and (2) building height and density guidelines. Also, testimony was given at Council hearings suggesting that additional downtown economic and social study and analysis be made to substantiate the Downtown Plan Guidelines. Following adoption of the Downtown Plan the City also established a Waterfront Urban Renewal Project which called for additional and more detailed planning in the east half and north of Burnside areas of Downtown Portland.

Consequently, the City Council authorized the retention of a consulting team to give some assistance in the preparation of essential Phase II plans and policies. These include:

1. Economic Analysis of the Portland Downtown Guidelines Plan
3. Downtown Parking and Circulation Policy
4. Downtown Portland Proposed Development Regulations (supplemented by Downtown Portland Pedestrianway System)
5. Urban Design Plan and Program/Waterfront Renewal Area
The City Council by Resolution 31470 September 11, 1974, accepted the Economic Analysis to be used as a reference document. No action has been taken on the proposed Social Policy prepared by the Bureau of Human Resources and reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission December 1974.

The Parking and Circulation Policy was adopted by City Council February 26, 1975. Planning Commission review of the Development Regulations is now underway. The Waterfront Urban Design Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and Development Commission at a joint June 9, 1975 12 Noon meeting.