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December 2, 2014

Re: SHERWOOD WEST PRE-CONCEPT PLAN

Dear Property Owner or Resident,

I am writing to you about Sherwood West – a long-range community planning project designed to help us plan for and manage growth.

To ensure we get as much input as possible, we will be scheduling a series of public meetings early in 2015. We are also looking for members to serve on a Community Advisory Committee to help guide the long range community planning process.

I am attaching a copy of a map of the area that will be a part of this preliminary concept plan, along with an application for the Community Advisory Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please fill out the application and return it to Brad Kilby or Connie Randall at the following address no later than December 29, 2014.

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Planning Department/Sherwood West
22560 SW Pine Street
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Committee members will be appointed after the first of the year and selected after review of the applications submitted by a selection committee made of a member of the City Council, the Chair of the Planning Commission, and the City Planning Manager.

Our records indicate that your property is either located within this nearly 1,300 acre area, designated in 2012 as one of the region's urban reserves, or that your property is located within 1,000 feet of the area and inside the City limits. Urban reserve areas are the first locations that Metro will consider for inclusion in the urban growth boundary over the next 50 years if additional land is needed to accommodate anticipated growth.

Over the next 14 months, our goal is to develop a preliminary concept plan that will identify how we can grow, retain our sense of place and provide quality places to live, work and play. We hope to develop a long-range community plan that guides where we might put housing and community supportive uses (such as schools, parks and neighborhood commercial uses). The plan will also identify where we need to protect natural areas and open spaces, and where we should build or expand roads and utilities—all with a goal of keeping Sherwood and its surrounding areas a thriving and healthy community.

As a landowner and partner, we hope you will participate in this discussion with us. This long-range community plan will not change your rights as a property owner, whether you purchased your property as an investment and plan to develop it or whether you plan to continue enjoying your property as you do today. Rather, this long range community plan is a way to determine the big picture of opportunities and constraints for our growth. Like all cities in Oregon, we must plan for current and future generations. If past trends continue, several thousand people will move to the Sherwood area over the next 20 years, part of a larger regional growth. We know that communities that plan for growth have the best chance of managing their destiny, and to fail to plan means that we plan to fail.

If you have questions, about the Sherwood West project or schedule, please feel free to contact Brad Kilby, AICP, kilbyb@sherwoodoregon.gov, (503) 625-4206 or Connie Randall, randallc@sherwoodoregon.gov, (503) 625-4208.

Our project website is: www.sherwoodoregon.gov/sherwoodwest Please feel free to stay in touch with us and we will keep you posted on future public meeting dates.

Sincerely,



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