Planned Action DEIS and Ordinance No. 705 Aurora Square Community Renewal Area

March 19, 2015
Planning Commission







Growth alternatives studied

- 1. No growth ("Same as it ever was")
- 2. 500 units + 250,000sf commercial
- 3. 1,000 units + 500,000sf commercial

NOTE: Studied comp plan growth

NOTE: Zoning already in place

Primary areas studied

- 1. Transportation projects and priorities
- 2. Light, glare and noise
 - Signage
 - Noise ordinance
- 3. Stormwater management



DEIS Process

- December 12: Published DEIS
- December 18: Community meeting
- December 18: Introduced to PC
- January 29: Unrecorded Public Hearing
- March 19: Comment period ended



Tonight

- Public Hearing on DEIS
- Recommendation to Council
- Staff recommends:
 - Preferred Alternative 3
 - Proposed Changes to the Sign Code
 - Adoption of Planned Action Ordinance No. 705

Scheduled Council Action

- April 13: Discuss FEIS and Ordinance No. 705
 - Sign Code amendment

April 29: Consider Adoption

Planned Action Alternative

- Results same for Alternatives 2 and 3
- CRA established for economic renewal
- Therefore, Alternative 3 recommended



Planned Action Public Comments

- Generally support Aurora Square redevelopment
- Support of Alternative 2
- Support of either Alternative 2 or 3



Transportation

- 1. Road network won't be broken by growth
- 2. Prioritized frontage improvements
 - Encourage renewal
 - Increase safety
 - Connect bicyclists and pedestrians



Transportation Public Comments

- WSDOT classifications
- Multifamily parking in neighborhoods
- All Shoreline impacts should be considered
- Westminster Triangle in, out and through traffic
- Concerns over closing section of Westminster Way
- Pedestrian access to site from west and east

Light, glare and noise

- 1. Master sign program
- 2. Electronic entry signs
 - Aurora
 - Westminster
 - N 160th St

Concerns re: noise ordinance

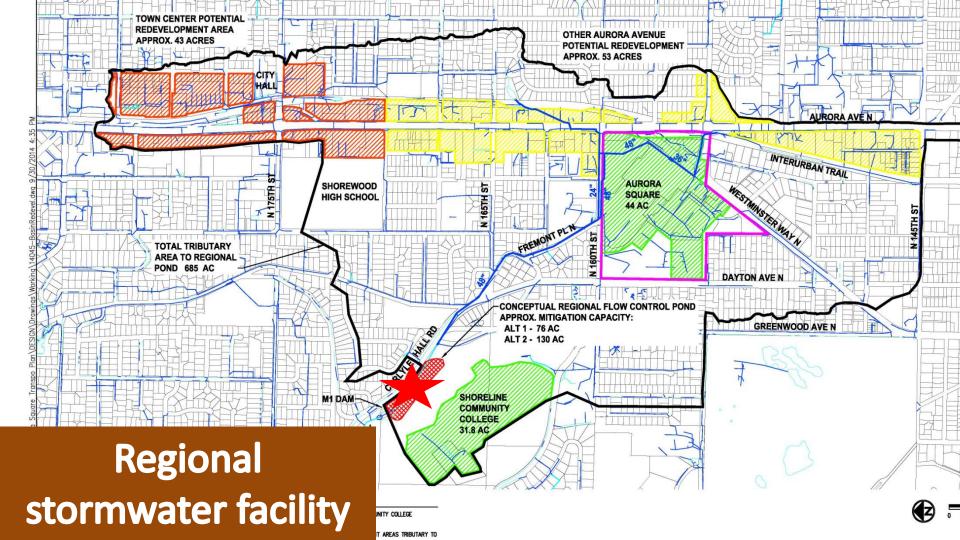


Stormwater findings

- 1. Detention a deterrent to renewal
- 2. Regional detention system
 - Shoreline Community College collaboration
 - Enlarged facility at fraction of cost

NOTE: until regional facility, follow manual





Stormwater/Soils Public Comments

- Unfair to provide regional facility
- Better stormwater solutions exist
- No geotechnical studies completed
- Triangle property unsuitable for development

Other Public Comments

- Police, fire, utility infrastructure
- Use Planned Action to lock in building orientation
- Surrounding private parks threatened
- Concerns re: WSDOT property development
- Need Westminster sidewalk south of CRA
- Transition area on wide arterials



Staff Recommendation

- Select preferred Alternative 3
- Proposed Changes to the Sign Code
 - Attachment B of Staff Report
- Adoption of Planned Action Ord. No. 705

Discussion

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