



To: Clark County Council

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Subject: FREIGHT RAIL-DEPENDENT USE PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY ON FRDUAC
RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

On July 18, 2018 Council held a work session to review the June 20 recommendations of the Freight Rail-Dependent Use Advisory Committee. The recommendation included a proposal to revise the overlay map, add a new code section CCC 40.250.120 Freight Rail Dependent Use Overlay, and amend code sections: CCC40.320.010 Landscaping Standards; CCC 40.340.010 Parking and Loading Standards; CCC 40.370.010 Sewerage Regulations; CCC 40.520.010 Site Plan Review; and CCC40.560.010 Plan Amendment Procedures. Council asked that staff proceed with an open house and present the advisory committee recommendations.

PROCESS

On August 11 an invitation to the August 30 open house was mailed to approximately 1,500 property owners within 500 feet of the one-mile subject area. The mailer contained information about the project proposal, open house, how to provide comment, and a link to the survey.

On August 14, a web page www.clark.wa.gov/rail went live to share with the public the advisory committee's recommendation, a link to the advisory committee's meeting page*, the adopted legislation, open house meeting materials, recommendation map, interactive map, and online comment form. Email notice was sent to a mailing list of interested parties, three neighborhood associations, and a post on Nextdoor. Open house advertisements were placed in both The Columbian and The Reflector. A survey of the advisory committee's recommendations was posted on-line with a deadline to submit a survey by September 13, 2018.

The August 30 open house was attended by over 160 people. Staff received 28 comment cards, eight surveys, and 85 question cards reflecting more than one hundred questions, at the open house. All of the question cards were posted on the web page. A summary question/answer document was created and posted to the web page.

PUBLIC COMMENT

More than 600 on-line surveys were submitted and of the respondents, 77% were dissatisfied with the proposed overlay area and 79% with the one-mile corridor area. Of the property owners who responded who have property located in the one-mile corridor area, 85% would prefer to have their property removed from the future expansion area. Of the respondents with property in the proposed overlay area, 84% would prefer to be removed from the overlay area. Approximately 80% of respondents were dissatisfied with permitting chemical manufacturing, asphalt paving mixture and block manufacturing, and plastics and rubber products manufacturing. In looking at the entire use list, over 70% of respondents were not satisfied with either the permitted or conditional uses as recommended.

The majority of all surveys and comments showed a lack of support for the FRDUAC recommendation.

*The advisory committee web page includes audio of all meetings, summary notes, all materials reviewed and generated by the committee including public comments.