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**FOOTHILLS SUBAREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE 6/27/07 MEETING**

Memo Date: June 29, 2007

To: Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee

From: Matt W. Aamot, Whatcom County Planning & Development

At the June 27, 2007 meeting, the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee made the following decisions and recommendations:

1. **Light Impact Industrial Designations** - The Committee recommended, by a 7-3 vote with 1 committee member abstaining, to establish the following industrial map designations generally located north of Limestone Rd.:

- Planned Light Impact Industrial Designation; and
- Potential Planned Light Impact Industrial Designation.

A map of the "Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee Recommended Land Use Alternative – 6/27/2007" for the Columbia Valley UGA and adjacent lands (which incorporates recommendations from the 1/3/07, 1/17/07, 2/21/07, and 6/27/07 Advisory Committee meetings) is attached. This map shows the planned light impact industrial designations.

2. **Policy Matrix** - The Committee recommended adoption of the goals and policies in the attached "Foothills Subarea Plan Policy Choices Matrix." This policy matrix was originally drafted by Studio Cascade, but has been modified by the Committee over the last 3 ½ months.
 - *Goals* - The 11 goals in the matrix were all recommended by consensus of the committee.
 - *Policies* - The committee recommended 104 of the 106 policies in the matrix by consensus. The committee voted to approve the other 2 policies in the matrix (modifying existing Policy 2AA-12 relating to industrial land and deleting Policy 2AA-13 relating to commercial land).

3. **Light Industrial and Economic Policies** – The committee decided, by consensus, to forward the attached “Draft Proposed Foothills Subarea Light Industrial and Economic Policy” (originally proposed by Richard Banel) to consultant Studio Cascade for incorporation into the draft Subarea Plan. Studio Cascade has discretion to apply its best professional judgment and appropriate planning principles in incorporating the language into the subarea plan and may modify the wording as necessary. Specifically, the committee requested the consultant to:
- Determine which policies should apply to the UGA and which policies should apply to the whole subarea.
 - Utilize the term “light impact” industrial instead of industrial or manufacturing in the document.
 - Keep rural character in mind when considering policies outside the UGA (insert rural character language, as appropriate).
4. **Rural Economic Development and Diversification** – The committee decided, by consensus, to forward the attached “Mount Baker Foothills Sub-Area Plan Update 2007 Economic Development and Diversification – Policy Submittal(s)” to consultant Studio Cascade for incorporation into the draft Subarea Plan to the extent that it can be under the contract between Whatcom County and Studio Cascade. This proposal includes new Rural Recreational and Open Space zoning provisions that would allow additional uses in rural areas. The committee recognized that this proposal may be outside of the scope of the contract and may have to be inserted in the Subarea Plan as an implementation item that would be completed after the Subarea Plan is adopted.

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