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Hi Terry --

As we discussed a few weeks ago, and in preparation for the September 29 study session of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, I wanted to make you aware of the highlights of the report, issued this morning by Metro Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan, entitled "Strategies for a Sustainable and Prosperous Region" that will be presented at that meeting. This report will inform upcoming decisions by the Metro Council relating to investing our limited transportation dollars, planning for the housing and jobs needed to serve our growing population, and designating urban and rural reserves.

Mr. Jordan's recommendations are made with the following goals in mind:

- We should develop and grow within the existing Urban Growth Boundary to the maximum extent possible to protect the farms, forests and outdoor recreational opportunities we enjoy with our families;
- We should focus first on repairing, maintaining and getting the most out of what we have before we build new things to accommodate growth; and
- We should ensure there are enough good jobs for the people who are here now and those who will come.

Councilors Carlotta Collette, Carl Hosticka and Rod Park, along with Mr. Jordan, will be present at the study session on September 29 to share information with the Commissioners about this report and solicit their comments and feedback which will be helpful to the Metro Council as it makes its decisions later this year and into 2010.

I have attached a copy of Sections 1 and 2 of Mr. Jordan's report, which include more detailed information on his recommendations. A full copy of the report (including the draft Regional Transportation Plan, updated urban growth report, and other elements) can be found online at www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace. Also on that Web page is a listing of seven open houses and five public hearings that will be held throughout the region over the next 30 days at which public comment and feedback will be solicited.

I hope this information is helpful to you and the Commissioners in advance of the study session on September 29. Please share this information with the Commissioners and contact me if I can be of further assistance. Thank you for this opportunity to meet with the Board of County Commissioners and receive comments and feedback as we work to make this region the greatest place to live, work

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and raise a family.

Regards,

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P.S. I should also let you know that I will be on vacation starting September 25. In my absence, my colleague, Patty Unfred, will be able to answer any questions you would otherwise direct to me during after that date. Patty can be reached by e-mail at patty.unfred@oregonmetro.gov or by phone at 503-797-1685.

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Dear Friend,

After four years of study, analysis, number crunching and hard work with our local government partners – and people like you from around the region – I am pleased to provide you with a comprehensive set of proposed strategies for creating a sustainable and prosperous region.

This document contains a brief overview, with a summary of recommendations located on pages 13 and 14. For more detailed information, including supporting documents and appendices, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace.

I want to stress that these are *recommendations* from Metro's staff – not decisions. They are intended to spark conversation and promote dialogue to inform future decisions by the Metro Council and other elected officials around the region.

One of the primary reasons our region is successful is because Metro does not make decisions or plan in a vacuum. Instead, we work with our local partners and the region's residents to achieve the outcomes we value as a community. Those outcomes include preserving our urban growth boundary to protect farmland, forestland and outdoor recreation opportunities while ensuring we have enough land to accommodate new residents and businesses for at least the next 20 years; making the most of our existing roads, sidewalks, sewers, parks, schools, and other public investments; and, perhaps most importantly, doing everything we can to ensure there are enough good jobs for the people who are here now and those who will come.

As Metro's chief operating officer, I present these recommendations to you and invite you to voice your opinion. Each of us bears responsibility for helping make our region the greatest place it can be.

The Metro Council and all the elected policymakers from our region look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Jordan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michael Jordan
Metro Chief Operating Officer