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***West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board***

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To: Urban Renewal Agency Board

From: David Truitt, Vice Chair *David Truitt*  
West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board

Date: July 9, 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on the activities of the West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board of the last year.

Although tax increment collections have been slow to materialize, the Board is optimistic about the future. Several significant developments have been generating excitement including the continued private redevelopment of the Westgate and Roth's shopping centers. These developments along with other recent investments in the West Salem industrial area will greatly benefit the Urban Renewal Area.

In anticipation of future revenue for the Urban Renewal Area, the Board has spent time over the last year welcoming our new members, considering the vision and priorities described in the urban renewal plan, and receiving updates on other City funding priorities for infrastructure improvements within the Urban Renewal Area boundaries. The Board is also very interested in the proposed amendments to the Edgewater Overlay Zone to restrict auto-related uses and change maximum density restrictions inside the overlay area to help implement the vision for mixed-use along Edgewater – an burgeoning and important commercial corridor in the West Salem Urban Renewal Area.

The West Salem Advisory Board has appointed a Board member to serve on the Salem River Crossing Technical Advisory Committee. Tom Clark is doing an excellent job gathering information at these regular meetings, providing briefings to our Board, and participating in the community discussions regarding this critical transportation link for West Salem, the City, and the broader Mid-Willamette Valley community. The Board is very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in these important discussions.

The Board also remains engaged in following the progress of the Union Street Railroad Bridge project. This project is a priority in the West Salem Urban Renewal Plan and has the real potential of becoming a neighborhood and community-wide landmark.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to update on the activities of the Board.

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Chair: Terry Kelly  
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