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## GREATER NEWPORT 2040 VISIONING PROJECT KICKS OFF ON OCTOBER 24 WITH FIRST ADVISORY MEETING.

*NEWPORT, OR - October 18, 2016* - The first meeting of the Greater Newport Vision 2040 Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 9:30 A.M., at the Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport. Consultant, HDR, Inc., will be on hand to lead the Advisory Committee through its first meeting. Topics covered will include an introduction to visioning, project branding, scope of work, schedule review, and communications planning. Persons interested in participating or learning more about the visioning effort are encouraged to attend.

Over the coming months, there will be many opportunities for community members to help develop a long term vision for the greater Newport area. Input will be collected through interviews, surveys, focus groups, one-on-one conversations, public events, and activities. Project updates and opportunities to give input will be posted on the City's website in coming weeks at: <u>http://www.newportoregon.gov/</u>.

This visioning process offers an opportunity for the community to envision the future it wants and the steps that collectively need to be taken to make that desired future a reality. A vision is a statement of our common values and, as such, is strongest when there is broad public engagement. Every effort will be made to encourage community-wide participation, with a specific focus on multi-cultural engagement.

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