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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Howell and Economic Development Commission
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Update
DATE: March 23, 2021

As mentioned at the January meeting, the City received a Statewide Planning & Research grant from IDOT to help complete the Comprehensive and Collaborative Land Use, Economic Development, and Transportation Plan. The consultant team led by Civic ArtWorks has been primarily doing reviews of past plans, data gathering, and analyzing existing land use conditions. Now that the bulk of that has been completed, initial public outreach is planned and will continue throughout the planning process.

The consultant team would like to pose two questions within the topic of “Washington’s Economic Potential within the Next Decade:”

1. Imagine a refreshed US Business 24 within the next 5-10 years. Improved infrastructure continues to accommodate automobile traffic but it also makes the corridor more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly. Given this new look and functionality, what mix of uses has the potential to be successful here?
2. What economic drivers distinguish Washington from other communities within central Illinois?