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Thanks for the quick response. See further comments after “PCH>” below.

On Aug 17, 2026, at 10:17 AM, Regional Plan <regionalplan@trorc.org> wrote:

Peter,

Thank you for your comments. See our responses in red below.

-----Original Message-----

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Good Morning TRORC

I have several questions on the remaining review process for the TRORC Regional Plan. As was evident in the July 28 Public Hearing in Bethel, there is a lot of public confusion over this, and I still cannot find any clear timeline or process. Our Town, Planning Commission, TRORC board member, and others including myself remain unclear on the remaining process. More specifically:

1) On your web site you say "First hearing comments and emails were due Monday, August 10. All types of comments received by 8/10 are logged here.", however the linked document doesn't include any of the dozens of comments received at the public hearings. When will those be incorporated into your “Responsiveness Document” and when will that be made public? **We are currently compiling all comments, including hearing comments, into a final responsiveness document. All hearings have been**

recorded and are on our [website here](#), so if you wish to review comments from those hearings prior to our completion of the responsiveness document, the recordings are available.

pch> That doesn't answer the question which is when the above will be available.

2) The web site further states "Staff responses will be prepared for Board consideration by the end of August and will be included in a Responsiveness Document then". Will this document be publicly available on the web site? When will the board take it under consideration and how much time will they have to review it? **This document will be available to everyone at the end of August and on the webpage linked above. The Board will begin review at its Board meeting on September 9.**

pch> Thank you. I don't see any agenda or subject material on the calendar for that meeting, so this is not generally available information.

3) Will there be a public comment period for responses to the proposed resolutions? Considering the massive number of comments, it seems only appropriate to have ample public review of the proposed resolutions. **Similar to the comment period for the first public hearing, there will be a subsequent comment period prior to the second public hearing where TRORC will take public comments on the revised draft.**

pch> I'd like to have dates for the comment period on the Responsiveness document. I expect there will be feedback on the proposed resolutions. Or are you only taking that feedback from board members?

4) Does the board then vote to approve or ammend TRORC's proposed responses contained in the Responsiveness Document? If so, when is that meeting and vote? Or is there some other way in which the proposed resolution of public comments gets ratified? **The Board will vote on any changes to the draft. I don't yet know when that vote will be, as no review has taken place. There will be an initial review on September 9, and likely additional discussion and possible vote on revisions at the September 30 meeting.**

pch> Will the board be reviewing your responses to comments in the Responsiveness document, or will they be reviewing draft changes to the regional plan? Same for the public. Aren't there two steps here, one to gain approval for your responses to comments, and second to review and approve the embodiment of those responses in a new draft plan?

5) The web site then states "A final (second) hearing draft will be created for our Board to review and then it will be available for public comment 30 days before the second hearing this fall". See comment #4 asking how it's decided what changes will be made to address public comments. When will this be available to board members? When is

this second hearing, and how is it carried out? How will towns be involved and input solicited? See my response to comments 2, 3 and 4. Following a second public hearing and public comment period, the Board will consider additional changes. Similar to the first public hearing and comment period.

pch> The questions was when. A timetable would be helpful since otherwise these things tend to sneak up on everyone.

6) The web site says "You can find all meetings and hearings on our calendar, along with their Zoom links", however none of these milestones, hearings, or board meeting topics are there. See the TRORC website calendar here:

<https://www.trorc.org/calendar/>

pch> That's the calendar I have been looking at. It does not say when the Responsiveness Document will be available, nor that it will be reviewed by the board in their Sep 9 meeting, nor when the Responsiveness Document public review period runs, nor when a final vote on the responsiveness document is scheduled, nor when another draft Regional Plan incorporating the the Responsiveness Document will be available, nor when the public review period for that document will take place, nor when the board will vote on the final document. And that assumes no changes to this next draft.

Thank you and I look forward to clarification on this process so that we can participate in a meaningful way,

Peter Hayden
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