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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATES:

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Question 1. In the SE Urban Center between Clackamas Town Center and Eagle Landing and Kaiser and Promenade, how would you solve transit concerns?

I have no qualified answer for the first question. Town Center/Eagle Landing/Kaiser.

Question 2. What do you know about the Sabin-Schellenberg Center and its contribution to local students as well as to Clackamas County economic development?

I worked with Ben Schellenberg while I was in the Legislature and have great respect for the work they have done. The center has been an outstanding contributor to student success and ultimately economic development.

Question 3. As County commissioner you will be the deciding body on rural reserves; how will you approach that responsibility?

The County commission will be a contributing decider in Rural Reserves along with Washington & Multnomah Counties and the Metro Board. I have attended the rural reserve meetings and am learning as much as possible to help with that decision – even though it might come before I take office. Martha Schrader is the only Commissioner or candidate that is also attending.

Question 4. Our county system of mental health is in a shambles. With the county being the major source of these services and one in four families being affected by mental illness; what do you plan on doing to improve the system and where will those funds come from?

Accepting that County mental health is in a shambles (I don't know that), the state is a major funder and must play a role. As a funder, the state also has extensive oversight responsibility. I must learn the system and have the 'shambles' identified to have anything resembling an intelligent response.

Question 5. Do you support future extension of light rail beyond the Clackamas Town Center and Milwaukie Park Avenue lines? Would there be thought of asking citizens to share in rail costs? And, if so, how?

I do support extending light rail beyond the current plans. Citizens should share in the costs, but I'd have to see the options to determine how. The major determinant will be the federal government and how much it can contribute. I don't see any expansion, or even completing planned growth, any time soon without federal assistance.