

## January 2019 – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update

A monthly snapshot of land use planning work going on in your neighborhoods. To dig deeper, go to the project website and contact project staff with any questions.

### Useful resources

- **Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC)**
  - View tentative upcoming PSC agendas and meeting schedule at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/312882>
  - PSC meetings are usually held at the 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Meetings are streamed live on [youtube.com/c/portlandbps](https://www.youtube.com/c/portlandbps) and tape delayed on Channel 30.
  
- **City Council**
  - View upcoming City Council agenda items at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/378315>
  - City Council meetings are usually held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue and are broadcast live at: [www.portlandoregon.gov/article/230361](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/article/230361) <<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/article/230361>
  
- **Map App**
  - You can look at interactive maps, submit testimony during testimony periods, and read submitted testimony through the BPS Map App at <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/>
  
- **Portland Maps – Explorer**

You can look at existing zoning, building permit, transportation and natural resource information and more on the interactive Portlandmaps.com Explorer map at <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/explorer/#/map/>

### Residential Infill Project (RIP)

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill)

**What:** Updating the rules that shape Portland’s residential neighborhoods so more people can live in them, while limiting the construction of very large new houses

**Status:** The window for public testimony on *the most recent* draft (Proposed Draft) is closed. Staff are revising the proposal per PSC direction and will present the Revised Proposed Draft to PSC at their February 12 briefing, and the documents will be posted on the project website before the briefing. Following the briefing, the Commission will hold work session(s). The PSC vote on their recommendations to City Council is anticipated in March.

**Next opportunity to engage:** City Council public hearings on the PSC recommendations, expected in summer 2019

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### **River Plan / South Reach**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/42548>

**What:** Developing an updated vision and implementing maps, code and action items for the future of the southern part of Willamette River, from the Ross Island Bridge to Dunthorpe. Also developing Natural Resources and Scenic Resources protection plans.

**Status:** Since September 2018, project staff have held six topical meetings for the public to share their ideas for the future of the South Reach. On December 1, community members attended an open house to learn about and provide comment on what planners heard and where the work is headed over the winter.

**Next opportunity to engage:** Public comments sought on the first draft of the River Plan/South Reach document in early Spring 2019.

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### **Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project**

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/e-zone](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/e-zone)

**What:** Correcting the location of environmental overlay zones to better align with rivers, streams, wetlands, floodplains, forests, steep slopes and wildlife habitat

**Status:** The second draft remapped ezones in the Johnson Creek watershed and outer east Portland (south of I-84) and the first draft ezones for the East Buttes and Terraces are available for public review. Draft ezones for Northwest Hills will be available for review in February; Southwest Hills, Columbia Slough and Columbia River draft ezones will be ready this spring and summer. The PSC will hold public hearings in 2020.

**Next opportunity to engage:** Please visit the website calendar for neighborhood meetings in January 2019.

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### **Opportunities for Affordable Housing in Faith Communities**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/78009>

**What:** Identifying and assisting faith communities that are interested in using their property to develop affordable housing

**Status:** BPS is managing a Metro grant that includes providing concept development for up to five faith-owned sites; the grant includes possible Zoning Code revisions to streamline City processes. The grant project will conclude in November 2019.

**Next opportunity to engage:** Applications for proposals to receive concept development consultation are on the project website; deadline for submittal: January 18, 2019.

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### Historic Resources Code Project

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/58976>

**What:** Updating the zoning code to change how the City identifies, designates and protects historic resources

**Status:** Project staff will release a Discussion Draft of the zoning code changes on January 14, 2019.

**Next opportunity to engage:** Staff will be collecting public input in February and March at open houses and through online comments.

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### Better Housing by Design (BHD)

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing)

**What:** Updating rules to improve the design and livability of new development and expand housing options in Portland's multi-dwelling zones

**Status:** The PSC is considering public testimony on draft proposals as they discuss and deliberate their recommendations. Their final recommendations are expected in April 2019.

**Next opportunity to engage:** City Council hearings, expected in 2019

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### Design Overlay Zone Amendments Project (DOZA)

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/doza>

**What:** Updating and improving both the *process* and *tools* used for design review; a collaborative effort between the bureaus of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) and Development Services (BDS)

**Status:** Initially envisioned as two separate projects (*Process* and *Tools*), DOZA will now move forward as a single package.

**Next opportunity to engage:** The Discussion Draft will be released in early February, and comments on the draft can be submitted to staff.

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### SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73445](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73445)

**What:** Bringing more housing choices and opportunity to SW Portland and Tigard's underserved and vulnerable communities

**Status:** Tigard City Council accepted the strategy by resolution on July 14. Subsequently, the Portland City Council adopted the strategy by resolution on October 4. Council voted on the preferred light rail alignment (route) on November 1.

**Next opportunity to engage:** Project staff will begin station area planning in 2019, focusing on the Ross Island bridgehead and West Portland Town Center. The goal is to

plan for community amenities and housing of all types to prevent displacement and create more inclusive and economically thriving communities along the Barbur corridor.

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### **Neighborhood Contact Code Update Project**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/74046>

**What:** Improving how the City informs residents about new development

**Status:** The Proposed Draft was released at the end of June. The PSC held a hearing on August 14, then made amendments and voted on August 28 to recommend a revised draft to City Council.

**Next opportunity to engage:** City Council hearing, expected in 2019

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### **Bicycle Parking Project**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/70439>

**What:** Updating the zoning code standards for bicycle parking in new development

**Status:** The [Discussion Draft](#) was released in August, and comments to staff were accepted through October 1. A Proposed Draft was submitted to the Planning and Sustainability Commission on December 12, 2018.

**Next opportunity to engage:** The [Proposed Draft](#) is available for review. Written testimony can be submitted through the Map App until January 22, when the PSC will hear oral testimony January 22.

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### **Parkrose-Argay Development Study**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/77843>

**What:** Exploring opportunities to create a complete and connected neighborhood on the 30-acre site at NE 122nd Avenue and NE Shaver Street

**Status:** Staff are working with stakeholders to develop a vision for the project. Roughly 100 people attended a community workshop in December. Concept development will take place in Winter/Spring 2019.

**Next opportunity to engage:** Stay tuned for a public workshop to explore concept plan alternatives in early spring.

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### **82nd Avenue: Development and Transportation Planning**

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/index.cfm?&c=72125>

**What:** Evaluating opportunity areas along 82nd Ave between NE Killingsworth St and SE Johnson Creek Blvd to improve quality of life for residents and businesses along the corridor

**Status:** ODOT 82nd Avenue of Roses Implementation Plan – completed. BPS 82nd Avenue Study: Understanding Barriers to Development – draft report in progress.  
**Next opportunity to engage:** The Draft Report is available for review. Written comments can be submitted via email to Marty Stockton (contact info below) until March 12. The PSC will hear verbal testimony at a hearing scheduled for March 12.  
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**Portland Off-Road Cycling Master Plan (ORCMP)**

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70151>

**What:** Developing a connected, citywide system of trails and bicycle parks to guide the City's investments in off-road cycling facilities over the next 15 to 20 years

**Status:** The Parks Board has commented on the draft plan; BPS will make revisions before the plan goes to City Council for adoption in 2019.

**Next opportunity to engage:** City Council hearing in 2019

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