

May 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 4th Building, 2nd 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>
- **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

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: On March 12, the PSC made several minor amendments to the Revised Proposed Draft and voted (5 – 4) to forward the proposals to City Council. The PSC’s Recommended Draft and an updated Map App will be published this summer.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings will be announced once they are scheduled.

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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 southern part of Willamette River as well as Natural Resources and Scenic Resources protection plans

Status: Project staff are developing the Discussion Draft based.

Next opportunity to engage: Public comments sought on the River Plan/South Reach Discussion Draft in late Spring 2019.

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Willamette River Greenway Inventory

Proposed Draft: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/713228>

What: Revising maps, data and other information in the *Willamette River Greenway Inventory*

Status: On March 26, the PSC voted unanimously to recommend the draft inventory with minor amendments to City Council for a public hearing and final action.

Next opportunity to engage: The City Council will consider the PSC Recommended Draft of the Greenway Inventory at a public meeting on the same day as the hearing for the River Plan/South Reach in early 2020.

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Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project

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: Draft ezones for Southwest Hills are now available for public review on the Ezone Map App (www.portlandmaps.com/bps/ezones/#/map/). Johnson Creek, Outer East and Northwest Hills were previously released for review. Columbia Slough and Columbia River draft ezones will be available in early summer.

Next opportunity to engage: Staff will present at SW neighborhood meetings in May and June. See project calendar for times and locations. PSC to hold public hearings in 2020. (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/77304>)

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Opportunities for Affordable Housing in Faith Communities

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

What: Identifying and supporting organizations interested in using their property to develop affordable housing, supported by a Community Planning grant from Metro

Status: Three community organizations will receive consulting services to develop concepts for potential affordable housing development on their properties. The grant project may result in map changes and Zoning Code revisions to streamline City

processes for nonprofit property owners wishing to use their land for affordable housing.

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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: A Discussion Draft was released in January. Proposed changes establish new inventory and designation procedures, increase demolition protections and increase opportunities for adaptive reuse.

Next opportunity to engage: Comments on Discussion Draft were due May 15. A revised Proposed Draft will be released in the summer, following adjournment of 2019 Oregon State Legislature.

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Better Housing by Design (BHD)

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: On April 30, the PSC made final amendments to the Revised Proposed Draft and voted unanimously to forward the proposals to City Council. The PSC's Recommended Draft and an updated Map App will be published this summer.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings will be announced once they are scheduled.

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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

Status: Staff is reviewing comments received on the Discussion Draft and will be considering them as they develop the Proposed Draft, expected at the end of Summer 2019.

Next opportunity to engage: A joint public hearing on the Proposed Draft will be held in September 2019 with both the Planning and Sustainability Commission and the Design Commission.

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West Portland Town Center Plan

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/78949>

What: Creating a vision and identifying actions to transition “the Crossroads” area into a healthy, inclusive and complete community. Work will cover housing and displacement, improved health and prosperity for low-income residents, transportation and stormwater improvements, economic development, zoning changes and urban design.

Status: Staff continues to gather information, including from April 27 project kick-off community event. The Community Advisory Group (CAG) has begun meeting.

Next opportunity to engage: Join **Community Walks on Saturday June 15**, starting from Markham Elementary, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend CAG meetings, which also have time for public comment. Next CAG meeting is Monday, June 3 in the cafeteria of Markham Elementary.

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Naito-Gibbs Refinement Plan

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/78530>

What: Refining land use, circulation and urban design along SW Naito and around the Ross Island Bridgehead in South Portland. Work to begin in May

Status: A Community Advisory Group (CAG) recruitment will open in May/June, and CAG meetings will start in July.

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Neighborhood Contact Code Update Project

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

What: Improving how developers inform the public about new development

Status: The Recommended Draft was released at the end of January, and City Council heard public testimony on March 6. Council introduced and heard oral testimony on amendments on April 11 and voted on them on April 24. Council voted to adopt the As-Amended Draft on May 8.

Next opportunity to engage: There will be no more opportunities to engage on this project.

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Bicycle Parking Project

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

What: Updating the rules for bicycle parking in new development

Status: On February 26, the PSC voted to recommend the revised proposal to City Council. Staff are preparing the Recommended Draft, which will be released to City Council in Summer 2019.

Next opportunity to engage: After the Recommended Draft is released, there will be a City Council hearing in Fall 2019.

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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: More than 130 people attended a workshop on April 18 at Parkrose Middle School to review and comment on three concept plan alternatives, which featured different street, block and land use layouts for the site. Consultants and staff are using public input from the Concept Plan Workshop to create a “preferred” concept plan for the farm properties on NE 122nd Avenue.

Next opportunity to engage: A public open house to preview the Preferred Concept Plan is planned for mid-June 2019.

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82nd Avenue Study: Understanding Barriers to Development

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

What: Exploring ways to stimulate new development in this major north/south corridor, along with potential transportation improvements

Status: The Recommended Draft Report and Recommended Map Amendments (BPS), and the 82nd Avenue Plan (PBOT) were released in early May, and City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings on the PSC recommendations, scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

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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 to hold a public hearing in 2019.

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