

July 2019 – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update

A monthly snapshot of land use planning work going on in your neighborhoods. Please visit 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](https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/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 by August. In September, staff will brief City Council on the project, which is being forwarded as part of a broader Housing Opportunities Initiative that also includes the Better housing by Design Project and a new Anti-Displacement Strategy. A briefing of City Council will follow in September, in preparation for their subsequent public hearings.

Project staff are currently analyzing two related state bills to determine their effect on the PSC’s recommendation. HB2001 requires cities to allow for certain

types of middle housing (duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and cottage clusters) in single-dwelling zones. SB534 requires cities to allow houses on any historically platted lot, subject to certain limits relating to infrastructure, natural resources, and land hazards.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings are anticipated in the Fall and the specific dates will be announced once they are scheduled.

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Better Housing by Design (BHD)

www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing

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

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 by August. In September, staff will brief City Council on the project, which is being forwarded as part of a broader Housing Opportunities Initiative that also includes the Residential Infill Project and a new Anti-Displacement Strategy.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings are anticipated in the Fall and the specific dates 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 the Willamette River as well as Natural Resources and Scenic Resources protection plans

Status: Project staff are working with other City staff to develop the draft plan.

Next opportunity to engage: Public comments sought on the River Plan/South Reach Discussion Draft in Fall 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: Council will consider the Recommended Draft of the Greenway Inventory at a public meeting on the same day as the hearing for the River Plan / South Reach in 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 all of Portland are now available for public review on the Ezone Map App (www.portlandmaps.com/bps/ezones/#/map/).

Next opportunity to engage: Staff will present at Columbia Slough neighborhood meetings in July. 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 are receiving consulting services to develop concepts for affordable housing development on their properties. Meanwhile, staff are working on Zoning Code revisions to help institutions develop affordable housing on their property.

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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 as well as increase demolition protections and opportunities for adaptive reuse.

Next opportunity to engage: Comments on the Discussion Draft were due May 15. A revised Proposed Draft will be released in the fall.

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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 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 and reach out to community to inform this work. Public events on April 27 and June 15 provided valuable insights. The Community Advisory Group (CAG) continues to meet.

Next opportunity to engage: On Thursday, July 25, the Fair Housing Council of Oregon will provide a community workshop and discussion opportunity to learn about our history of exclusionary practices that perpetuate housing inequalities today. This will be held at the Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) from 6-9 p.m. Next CAG meeting is Monday, August 5 at the Girl Scouts building (9620 SW Barbur). Meeting materials available online.

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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 June.

Status: Opportunities for stakeholder involvement to be announced later this summer. **Contact:** Joan Frederiksen, 503-823-

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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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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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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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