Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update
A monthly snapshot of all the planning work going on in your neighborhoods.

Residential Infill Project (RIP)

Several organizations’ monthly meeting schedules have made it difficult for members to prepare feedback by the original November 20 deadline. So, comments on the RIP code and map amendments will now be accepted until November 30.

Materials for public review include a project summary and the Discussion Draft in three volumes:
- Volume 1: Staff Report and Map Amendments — Project overview and introduction, analysis of proposals, methodology for creating the Housing Opportunity Overlay – the new ‘a’ overlay (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/657688)
- Volume 3: Appendices — Guidance from the Comprehensive Plan, FAR background, R2.5 catalog, visitability best practices, map refinements, and historically narrow lot background (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/75086)

You can view parcel-specific information about which amendments will affect individual properties on the interactive online Map App. (https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/maps.html#mapTheme=rip)

Comments are due by November 30, 2017 at 5 p.m. You may submit comments on the Discussion Draft in several ways:
- With the online comment form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/residentialinfill
- By email: residential.infill@portlandoregon.gov
- By mail: The printable online comment form and letters can be mailed to:
  City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
  Attn: Residential Infill Project
  1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
  Portland, OR 97201

How will my comments be used?
Comments on the Residential Infill Project Discussion Draft will be directed to City staff, who will use the feedback as they develop a proposal for the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC). This will not be the last opportunity to comment; there will be public hearings with the Planning and Sustainability Commission in the winter and City Council in the spring of next year.
Visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill
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Central City 2035 Plan
City Council holding sessions to deliberate on amendments over the next couple of months; vote on amendments and adoption of the plan expected in 2018.

City Council has begun deliberations on the Central City 2035 Plan. During public hearings in September and through written testimony, Commissioners heard from more than 100 community members about the new plan for the city center and received roughly 600 pieces of written testimony.

Now Council is engaged in deliberations on amendments to the plan. In October, Council discussed issues of interest and considered draft amendments on topics such as height and FAR, scenic views, Transportation System Plan (TSP), zoning and use allowances, and eco roofs. No votes or public testimony were taken. Two additional sessions are scheduled for November 28 and December 6. A public hearing on amendments is scheduled for January 18, 2018. More information on the upcoming work sessions and hearing can be found at https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/58897

Visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/cc2035
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Community Involvement Committee
Community members sought for new advisory committee for land use planning outreach efforts. Apply by November 20, 2017.

Starting in 2018, the Community Involvement Committee (CIC) will be a new standing committee that reviews and advises the way City staff engage with the public in land use and transportation planning. This is an important part of the City’s new 2035 Comprehensive Plan Community Involvement Program, supporting the goals and policies of Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Plan (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/579165). Applications will be accepted until November 20, 2017.

Visit: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73998
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Map Refinement Project
Planning and Sustainability Commission to hold work session on Proposed Draft on November 14 and, if needed, December 12, 2017.
The Map Refinement Project is evaluating and amending the Comprehensive Plan Map and/or the Zoning Map designations for a limited number of sites, based on consistency with the recently adopted 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

Read the Map Refinement Project Proposed Draft: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/655353

View the interactive Map App: https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/maps.html#mapTheme=mrp

During public hearing in October and through written testimony, the PSC heard from more than 39 community members about potential map changes and received roughly 138 pieces of written testimony. The PSC will consider public testimony and forward a recommendation to City Council for consideration and additional public review before City Council votes to adopt the Map Refinement Project next year.

Visit: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73388
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Code Reconciliation Project
Planning and Sustainability Commission to hold work session on Proposed Draft on November 14 and, if needed, December 12; Urban Forestry Commission hearing November 16 and Noise Review Board discussion on December 13.

The draft code amendments include changes to Title 33 (Zoning), Title 11 (Trees), Title 18 (Noise Control) and Title 32 (Signs). These are primarily technical fixes, but they also include a few minor policy issues and changes to development allowances. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has separated the Neighborhood Contact Requirement review from the Code Reconciliation Project to give it more time and attention.

Read the Code Reconciliation Project Proposed Draft: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/656658

Learn how to testify at: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/658021

Visit: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/72600
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Neighborhood Contact Requirement Project
A new project kicks off to improve how we inform residents about new development.

This project will review the “Neighborhood Contact” requirement in the Zoning Code (33.700.025) (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/53464). It will explore ways to create a workable and effective process that meets the goals of information sharing and early
dialogue with community members. This was previously an element of the Code Reconciliation Project.

A Discussion Draft will be released in the fall.

Visit: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/74046  
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Better Housing by Design (BHD)  
*Discussion Draft to be released by January 2018.*

The BHD Concept Report features potential code changes aimed to improve multi-family development for current and future residents. These include proposals for creating more open space and greater accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, providing greater flexibility for a broader range of housing options, prioritizing affordable housing and preserving trees, requiring design that contributes to pedestrian-friendly places, increasing connections to streets and more.

Project staff are considering public comments on the Concept Report (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73945) as they develop a Discussion Draft.

This project also focuses on East Portland, fostering better development that reflects the area’s distinct characteristics and needs of the community. It is coordinated with the Portland Bureau of Transportation’s Connected Centers Street Plan (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/71334), which focuses on street plans for the Jade District and Rosewood/Glenfair centers.

*Visit:* www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing  
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Design Overlay Zone Amendments Project (DOZA)  
*Project moves from “assessment” to “amendments.”*

While the acronym has stayed the same, DOZA is transitioning from an assessment of design review to a series of projects that will amend the City’s codes, standards and guidelines related to the design overlay zones, including the process and tools used in the design review process. The package consists of three projects: DOZA Process, DOZA Tools and DOZA Administration. Learn more about each project on the DOZA website.

*Visit:* www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70324  
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SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy

*A Community Learning and Listening Session on Affordable Housing in the SW Corridor was held on October 14.*

The October event at Markham Elementary School in SW Portland was an opportunity for community members to learn about affordable housing needs in the corridor and offer input to help preserve and build more places for people to live. More than 100 community members and leaders attended the event, participated in the discussion groups and enjoyed a meal provided by the Muslim Educational Trust. Watch a video of Mayor Ted Wheeler’s rousing speech and read a recap of the event at: [https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/661514](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/661514)

To assist with engagement of low-income tenants and households of color in this planning process, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability awarded the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) a grant of $45,000. CAT’s Statement of Work can be found at: [https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/647458](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/647458).

**Visit:** [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73445](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/73445)  
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Portland Off-Road Cycling Master Plan

*A Discussion Draft with an interactive online map has been published, and the public comment period is open until December 17. The Parks Board will review the draft in December/January, then off to City Council for adoption in early 2018.*

The ORCMP Discussion Draft provides a foundation for local off-road cycling needs and desired experiences, as well as current best management practices for planning, designing, building and managing successful off-road cycling facilities. It presents a citywide framework for developing a connected, citywide system of trails and bicycle parks. This plan is intended to guide the City’s investment in off-road cycling facilities over the next 15 to 20 years.

The Off-road Cycling Master Plan is conceptual. It does not change or create any City regulations or “greenlight” any recommended projects. Future projects will require site-specific planning and community engagement, more detailed site analysis and design, environmental reviews, and funding for planning, construction and long-term operations and maintenance.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is working on this project in collaboration with Portland Parks & Recreation, the Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Bureau of Transportation, the Portland Water Bureau and other local government and community partners.

**Visit:** [http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70151](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70151)  
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Historic Resources Code Project

Public input roundtables scheduled for December through February prior to development of code concepts.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has launched a zoning code project that will make changes to how the City identifies, designates and protects historic resources. The Historic Resources Code Project follows a 2016 Oregon State Supreme Court decision and recently adopted changes to state administrative rules, both of which provide opportunities for improving Portland’s historic resource protection programs.

Four public input roundtables have been scheduled as part of the project’s concept development phase:

**Why Portland’s Historic Places Matter**
Thursday, December 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
White Stag Block, 70 NW Couch Street

**New Tools for Inventorying and Adapting Historic Resources**
Thursday, January 11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Architectural Heritage Center, 701 SE Grand Avenue

**What’s Working and What’s Not in Portland’s Historic Districts**
Wednesday, January 24, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont Street

**Local District Designation: An Alternative to the National Register?**
Tuesday, February 6, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
North Portland Library, 512 N Killingsworth Street

In addition to the above roundtables, staff will be available at two drop-in sessions to provide more opportunities to learn about the project and solicit general feedback:

**Historic Resources Drop-in Session**
Monday, December 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N Rosa Parks Way

**Historic Resources Drop-in Session**
Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Avenue

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff will incorporate public feedback from roundtables and drop-in sessions into the development of zoning code concepts. Draft zoning code language will be released in spring 2018, at which time more opportunities for public feedback will be scheduled.
Visit: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/58976
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82nd Avenue: Development and Transportation Planning

- ODOT 82nd Avenue of Roses Implementation Plan
- BPS 82nd Ave Study: Understanding Barriers to Development

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are evaluating opportunity areas along 82nd Avenue between NE Killingsworth Street and SE Johnson Creek Boulevard to improve quality of life for residents and businesses along the corridor.

ODOT is creating a list of feasible projects to improve safety, mobility and access for people using 82nd Avenue. BPS’ efforts focus on understanding and addressing barriers to redevelopment/adaptive reuse, mixed use and employment opportunities in key areas. A draft summary report will be released in Fall 2017.

ODOT
www.82ndAveProjects.org
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City of Portland
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Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) Agenda
View the upcoming PSC agenda items here: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/312882
All PSC meetings, unless otherwise noted, are temporarily being held at the 1900 SW 4th Building, 2nd floor. All PSC meetings are streamed live on the BPS YouTube channel at youtube.com/c/portlandbps and tape delayed on Channel 30.

City Council Agenda
View upcoming City Council agenda items here: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/378315
All City Council meetings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue. All Council meetings are broadcast live at: www.portlandoregon.gov/article/230361