

December 2018 – 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 windows, 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: The window for public testimony on *this* draft is closed. The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) has held multiple work sessions, and staff are revising the proposal per PSC direction. Staff will brief the Commission on their revisions and new findings in December and February.

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, project staff have held a series of six topical meetings for interested community members 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 from community members and where the work is heading over the winter.

Next opportunity to engage: Public comments will be 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

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

Status: On December 7, 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 will be available for public review. In 2019, draft ezones will be available for Northwest Hills in the winter, Southwest Hills in the spring and Columbia Slough and Columbia River in the summer. The Planning and Sustainability Commission will hold public hearings in 2020.

Next opportunity to engage: Please visit the website calendar for neighborhood meetings in December 2018 and January 2019.

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Opportunities for Affordable Housing in Faith Communities

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

What: Identifying 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 changes to the zoning code in January based on feedback received during the project's initial comment period.

Next opportunity to engage: Project staff will be collecting public input in January and February.

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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: The Planning and Sustainability Commission is considering public testimony on draft proposals as they discuss and deliberate their recommendations, with their final recommendations 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

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, and the Planning and Sustainability Commission held a hearing on August 14. The PSC made amendments and voted on August 28 to recommend a revised draft to City Council.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council hearing, expected later 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 will be submitted to the Planning and Sustainability Commission in late 2018.

Next opportunity to engage: Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing, tentatively scheduled for January 2019

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Parkrose-Argay Development Study

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. Concept Development Planning will take place in Winter/Spring 2019

Next opportunity to engage: *Join us for a Vision and Aspirations Workshop*, Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Parkrose Middle School, 11800 NE Shaver Street.

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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 Avenue between NE Killingsworth Street and SE Johnson Creek Boulevard 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 will be released in December and comments on the draft can be submitted to staff.

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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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