

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update

A monthly snapshot of all the planning work going on in your neighborhoods.

Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Project (RICAP) 8

Regulatory improvement projects provide an ongoing and rapid way to address technical and minor policy amendments to land use regulations, thus improving clarity and supporting desirable development. RICAP 8, addresses 44 items: 27 propose amendments to the Zoning Code and 17 propose amendments to the Tree Code.

The City Council held a public hearing on the Recommended Draft report on February 15 and held a second meeting on February 22. Amendments were offered and adopted, including two that introduced new items to the package (Items #52 and 53) and one that removed a recommended amendment (Item #15). **The Zoning Code portion of the package was adopted unanimously on March 1, but the Tree Code portion was held over for further discussion on March 8, 2017.** At the March 8 meeting, Commissioners voted to remove recommended amendments related to Item #42, liability for trees in the right-of-way, from the report. Council is expected to vote on the entire package at the March 15, 2017, meeting. Find more information and the latest updates on the website at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/62882>. Contact: Kathryn Hartinger at [503-823-9714](tel:503-823-9714), or Kathryn.hartinger@portlandoregon.gov

Central City 2035 Plan

The CC2035 Plan is an update to the 1980 Central City Plan, including new policies, zoning and code for Portland's urban core. The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) has been holding work sessions about specific elements of the Proposed Draft. **The last work session and final vote will be held on Tuesday, April 11** at 12:30 pm. For more information, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/cc2035. Contact: Troy Doss, [503-823-5857](tel:503-823-5857), troy.doss@portlandoregon.gov

Residential Infill Project

Since City Council's adoption of the Concept Report in December 2016, project staff have been developing code and mapping changes to implement the adopted concepts. Mayor Ted Wheeler has directed BPS to draft a Housing Opportunity overlay zone boundary for the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) to consider. This fall the public will have an opportunity to review code changes and zoning map amendments, prior to the PSC hearings in winter 2018. Some further detail per project staff - with a large caveat that these timeframes may change:

- Early fall 2017** – Discussion Draft (drafts will include both code and map proposals) - opportunity for public review and comment to staff
- December 2017** – Proposed Draft and notification to property owners - opportunity for public review and testimony to PSC
- Winter 2018** – PSC hearings - opportunity for testimony to PSC
- Spring 2018** – Recommended Draft and City Council hearings - opportunity for public review and testimony to Council

The City Council's approved concepts can be found here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/623488>. Visit the project website at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill. **Contact:** Julia Gisler, Julia.gisler@portlandoregon.gov, [503-823-7624](tel:503-823-7624)

Better Housing by Design (BHD)

The Better Housing by Design project is revising development and design standards in Portland's multi-dwelling zones (R3, R2, R1 and RH) outside the Central City. The types of housing allowed in these areas include apartment buildings of varying sizes, fourplexes, townhouses and row houses.

This project will include a focus on East Portland, however will be applied citywide. BHS fostering better development that reflects the area's distinct characteristics and residents' needs. It is coordinated with PBOT's [Connected Centers Street Plan](#), which is focusing on street plans for the Jade District and Rosewood/Glenfair centers.

The first workshop on February 25 introduced the project and topics, and a series of stakeholder working groups will provide an opportunity for community members to discuss design issues and code concepts in detail. **Discussions and ideas will contribute to a refined set of code concepts, alternative development options, and conceptual street plans to be presented at a public workshop on June 3, 2017.** You can attend and participate in any of the meetings; please RSVP

to betterhousing@portlandoregon.gov or [503-823-7728](tel:503-823-7728). The next two meetings are:

- **March 23 (Thursday)**, 6 – 8 p.m. at 4815 NE 7th Avenue (Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods). *Focus on outdoor spaces and building scale.*
- **April 6 (Thursday)**, 6 – 8 p.m. at 8114 SE Division Street (Jade/APANO Multicultural Space). *Focus on street/pedestrian connectivity in East Portland and Jade District street plan and development options.*

For more information, go to: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing. **Contact:** Bill Cunningham, [503-823-4203](tel:503-823-4203), betterhousing@portlandoregon.gov

Code Reconciliation Project

The 2035 Comprehensive Plan *Code Reconciliation Project* will amend the Zoning Code and other City rules to ensure compatibility with recently adopted Zoning Code amendments. These were adopted by Portland City Council in December 2016 to implement the [2035 Comprehensive Plan](#) and the [Inclusionary Housing Program](#). The *Code Reconciliation Project* will include minor technical amendments to correct code references and other provisions in the Zoning Code. The project will also include code changes to align zoning regulations that have more significant policy implications.

The *Code Reconciliation Project* will be underway throughout 2017; **look for public meetings and hearings later this year.**

For more information, please visit: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/72600>. **Contact:** Barry Manning, [503-823-7965](tel:503-823-7965), Barry.Manning@portlandoregon.gov

Design Overlay Assessment Project

The City is working to improve the design overlay system for all stakeholders and address the design goals outlined in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. The Design Overlay Zone Assessment (DOZA) project [consultant team](#) has prepared [Draft Recommendations](#) for review. These recommendations offer detailed improvements to the processes and tools associated with the design overlay (d-overlay). They also provide guidance on which of these should be prioritized for short-term implementation. A recommendation [summary sheet](#) is also available. **The final recommendations will be published in April.** For more information, go to: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/doza. **Contact:** Lora Lillard, [503-823-3708](tel:503-823-3708), Lora.lillard@portlandoregon.gov

Portland Off-Road Cycling Master Plan

This project will provide a vision for a system of off-road cycling trails and facilities where kids, adults and families can ride for fun and exercise while experiencing nature in the city. The plan will make recommendations for the future improvement and management of these trails and facilities, based on community needs and input, site opportunities and constraints, as well as best practices in design, development and management. Find out more about the project here: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/70151>. **Contact:** Michelle Kunec-North, [503-823-9710](tel:503-823-9710), Michelle.Kunec-North@portlandoregon.gov

Open House: SW Community Center - Thursday, April 6th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Planning and Sustainability Commission Agenda

View Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) agenda items for the upcoming weeks here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/312882>. All PSC meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 2500A (2nd floor). All PSC meetings are streamed live on the [BPS YouTube channel](#) and tape delayed on Channel 30.

City Council Agenda

View City Council agenda items for the upcoming weeks <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 <<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/article/230361>>