



# The Green Loop: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Public Works Project



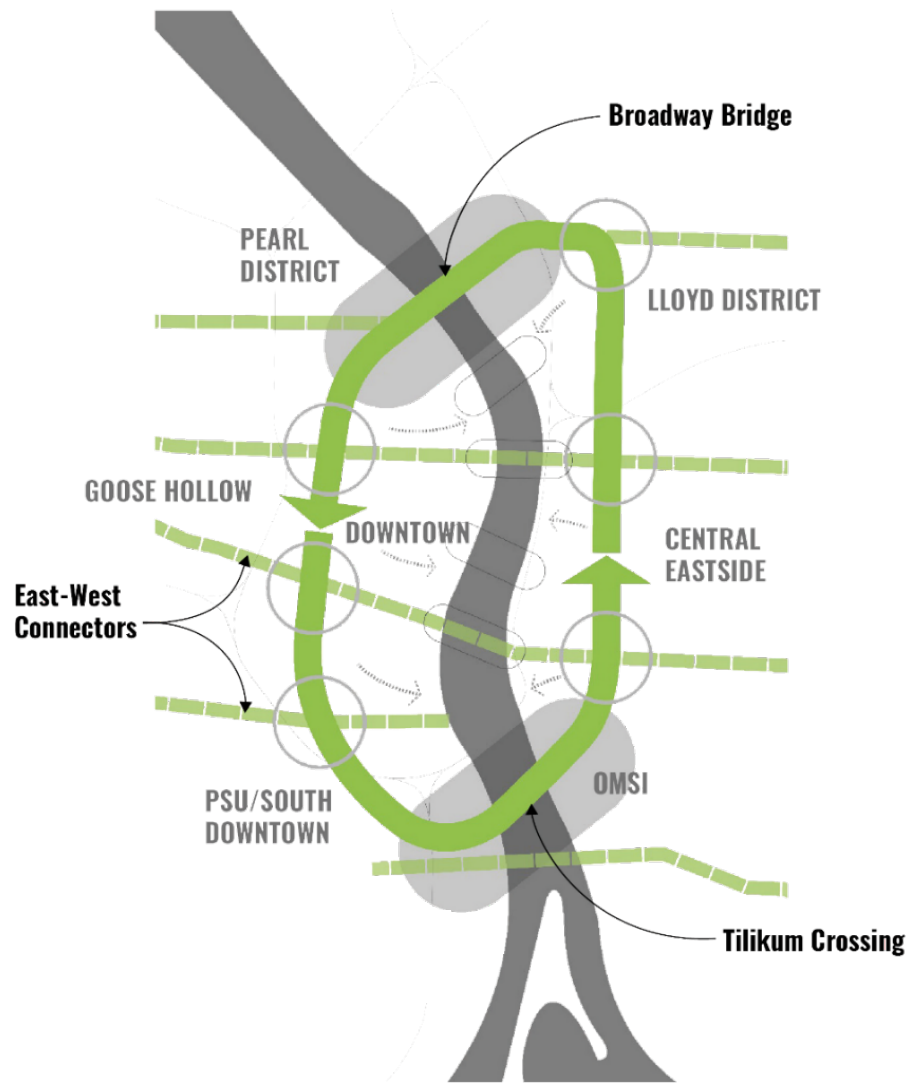
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Design Commission Briefing

August 2, 2018

- Refresher: What is it // Where is it
- What's the Status post CC2035
- Mind the Gap





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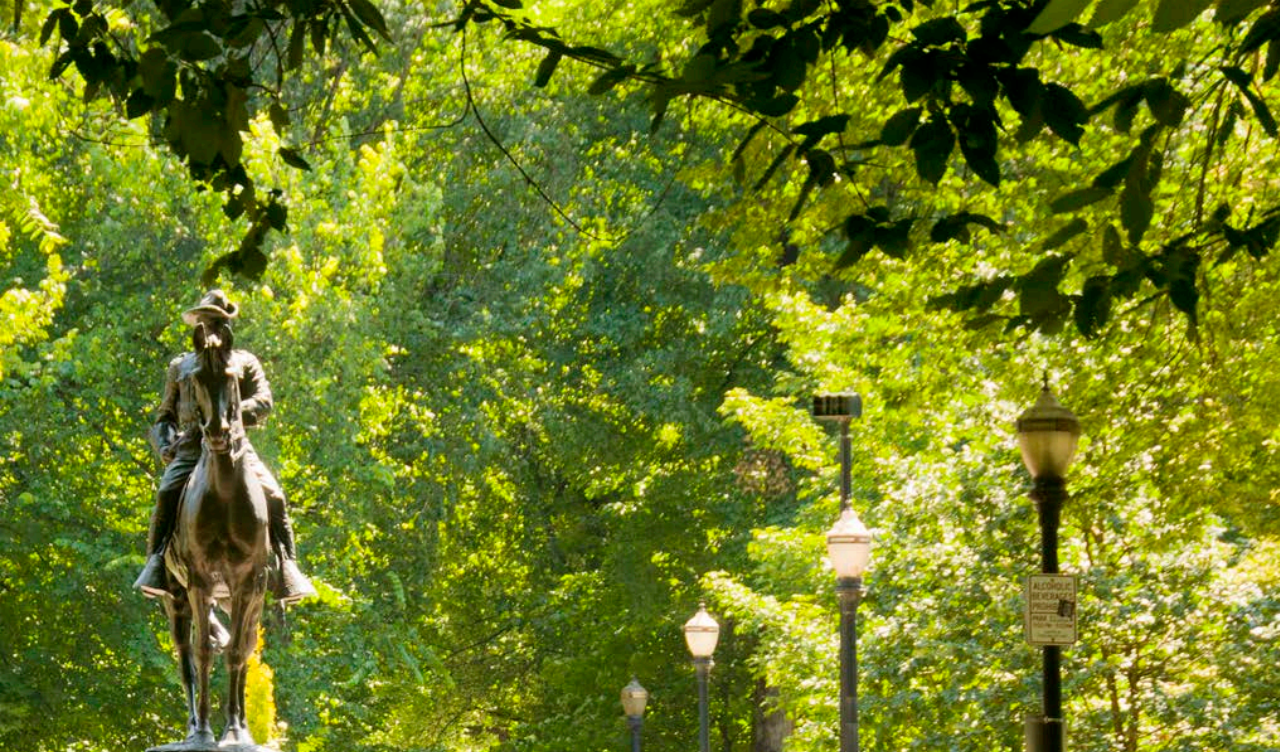
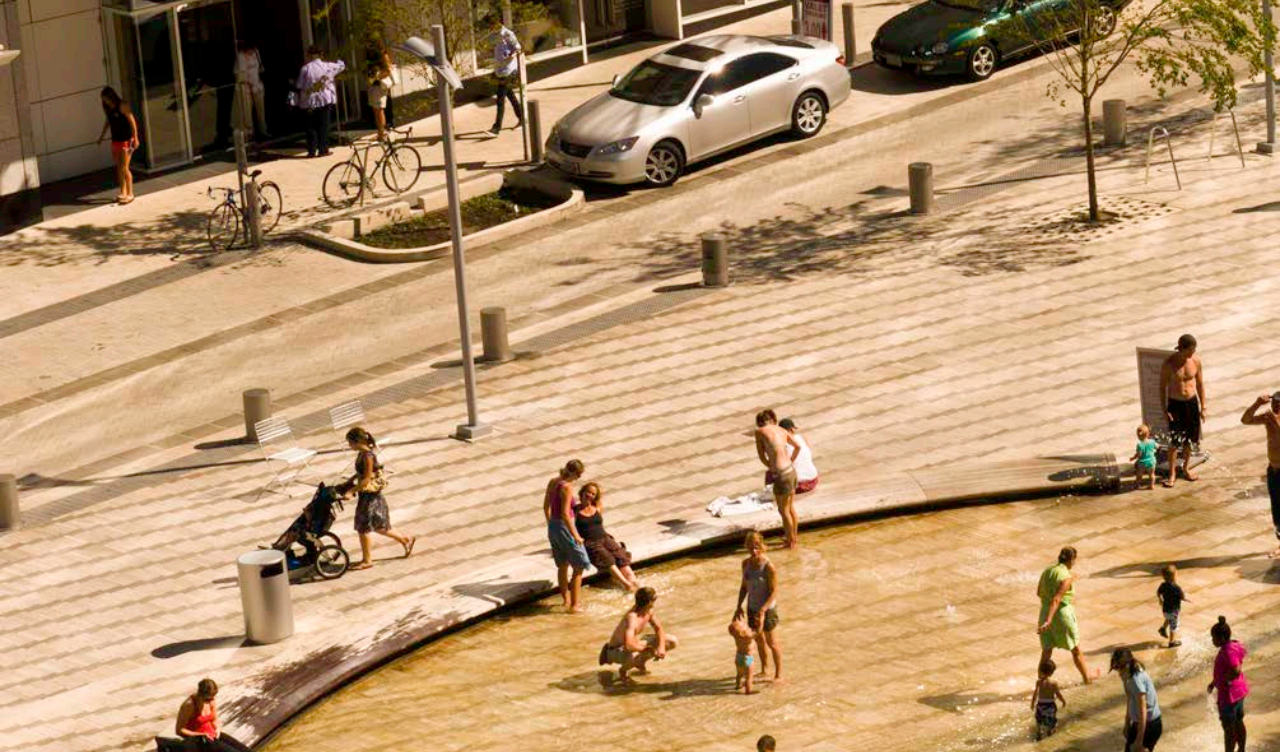




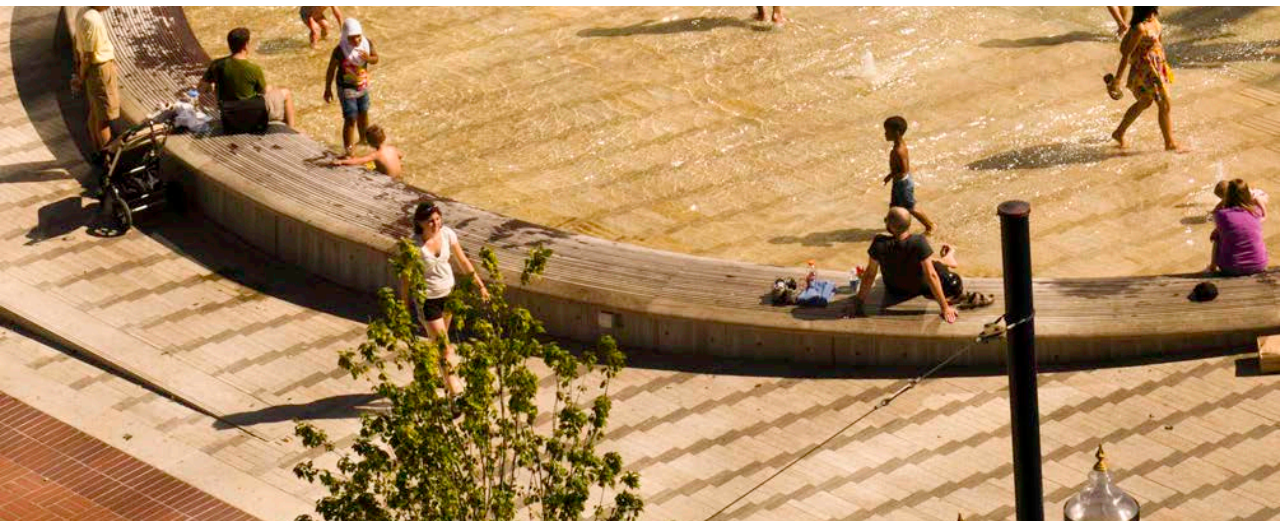
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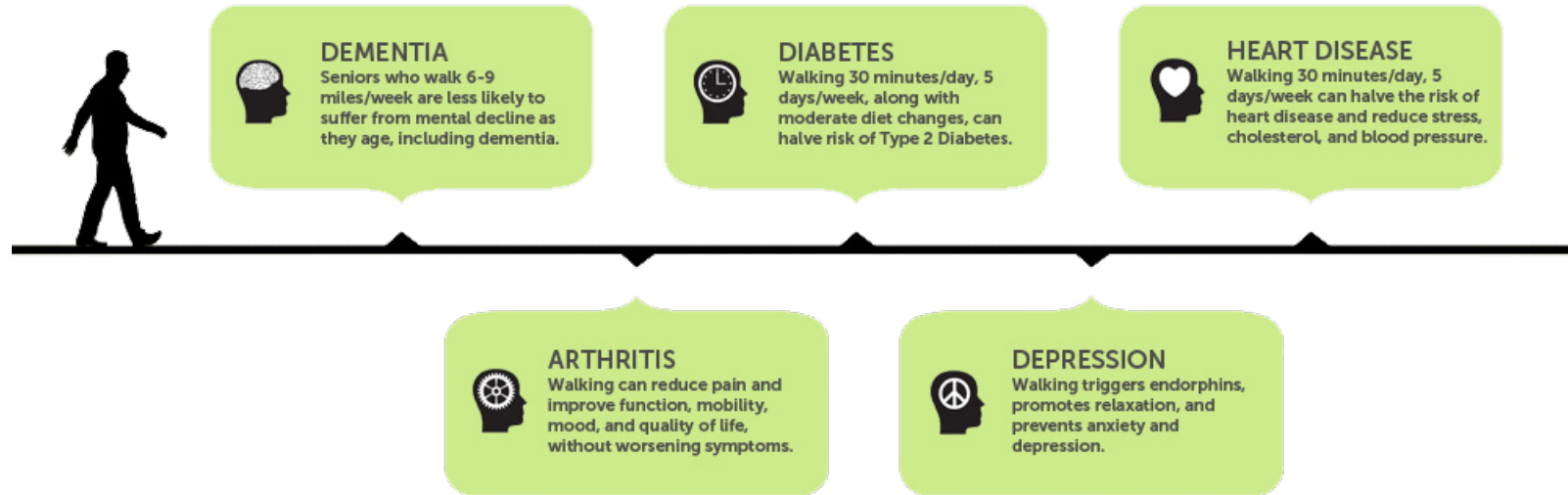


**The Green Loop is about public space.**





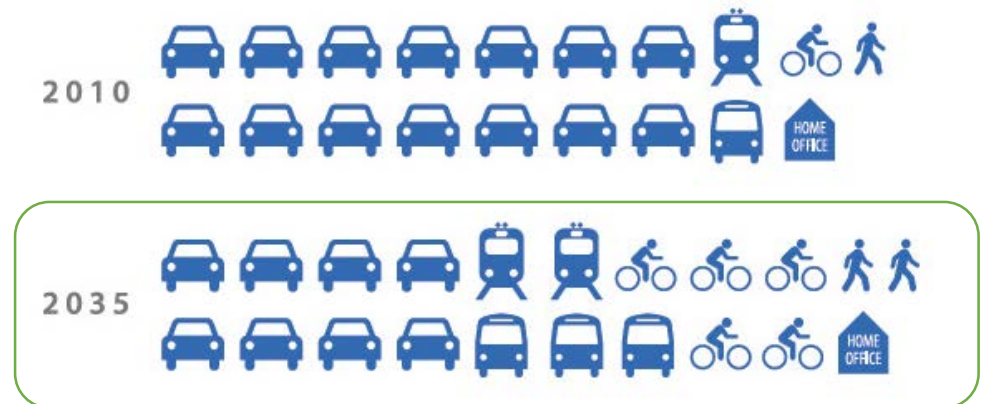
# The Green Loop is about offering healthy options.



## Access to Parks

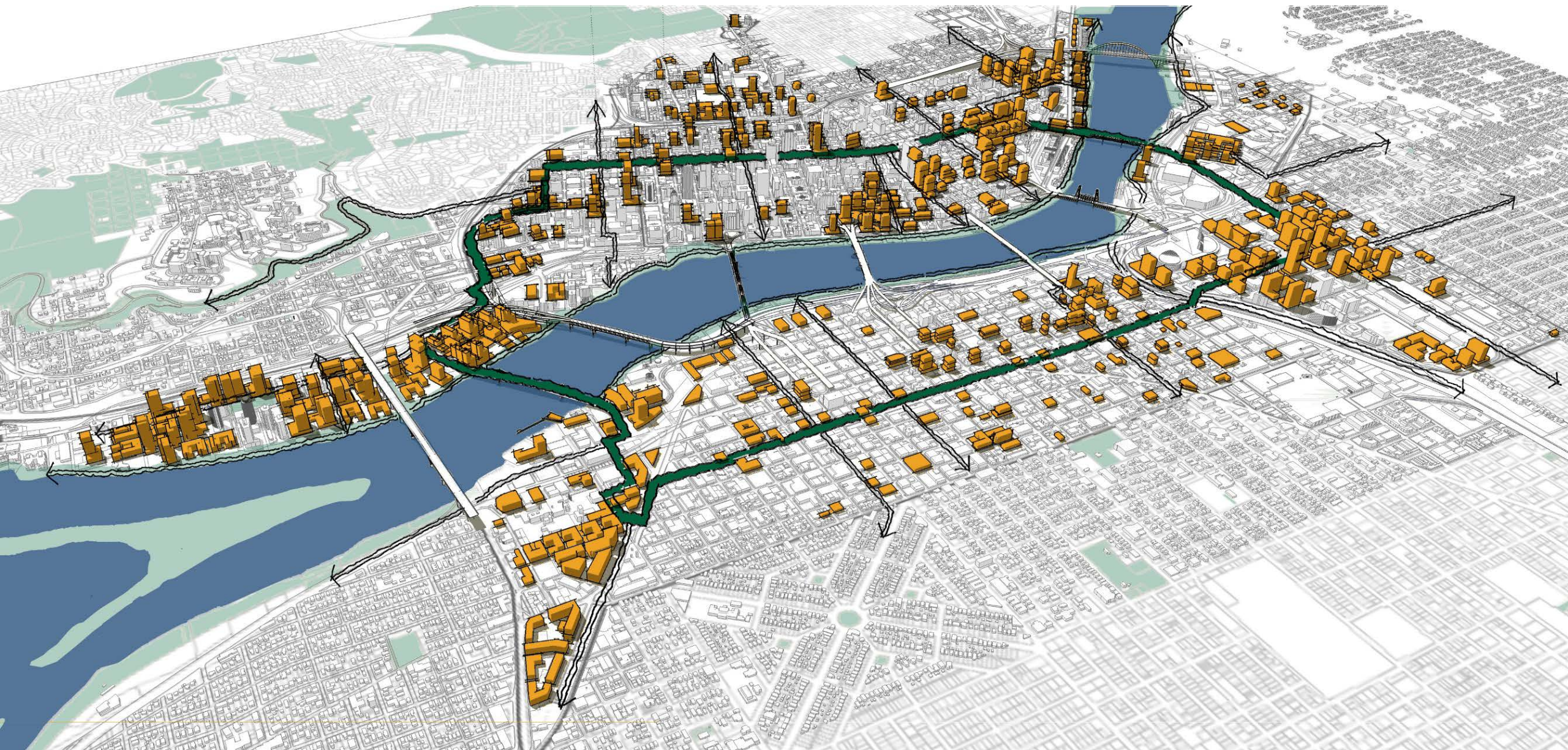


## Active Transportation





The Green Loop is about **organizing growth.**





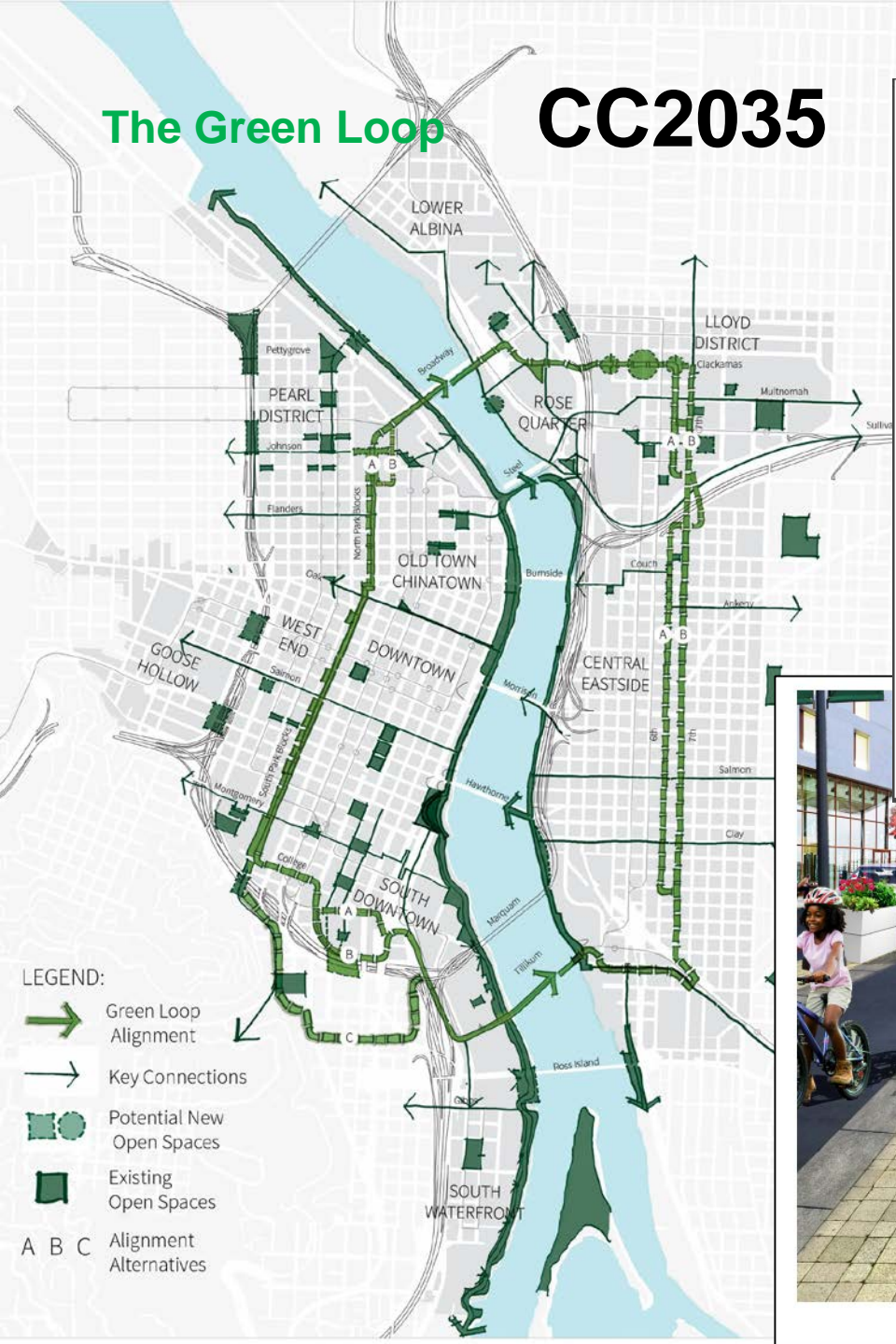
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# CC2035



**CENTRALCITY 2035**

Volume 1  
GOALS AND POLICIES

ORDINANCE NO. 189000  
RESOLUTION NO. 37360  
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Department of Planning and Sustainability  
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## INTRODUCTION

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IMPLEMENTATION:  
THE GREEN LOOP

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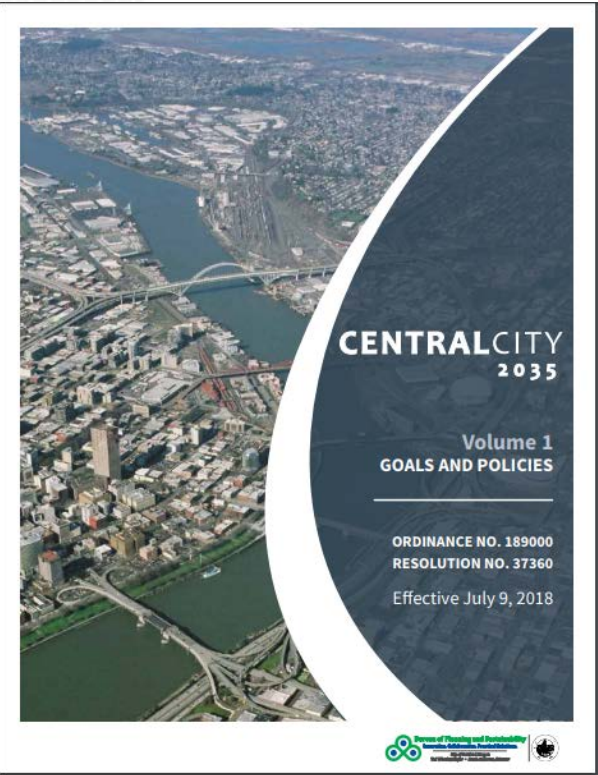
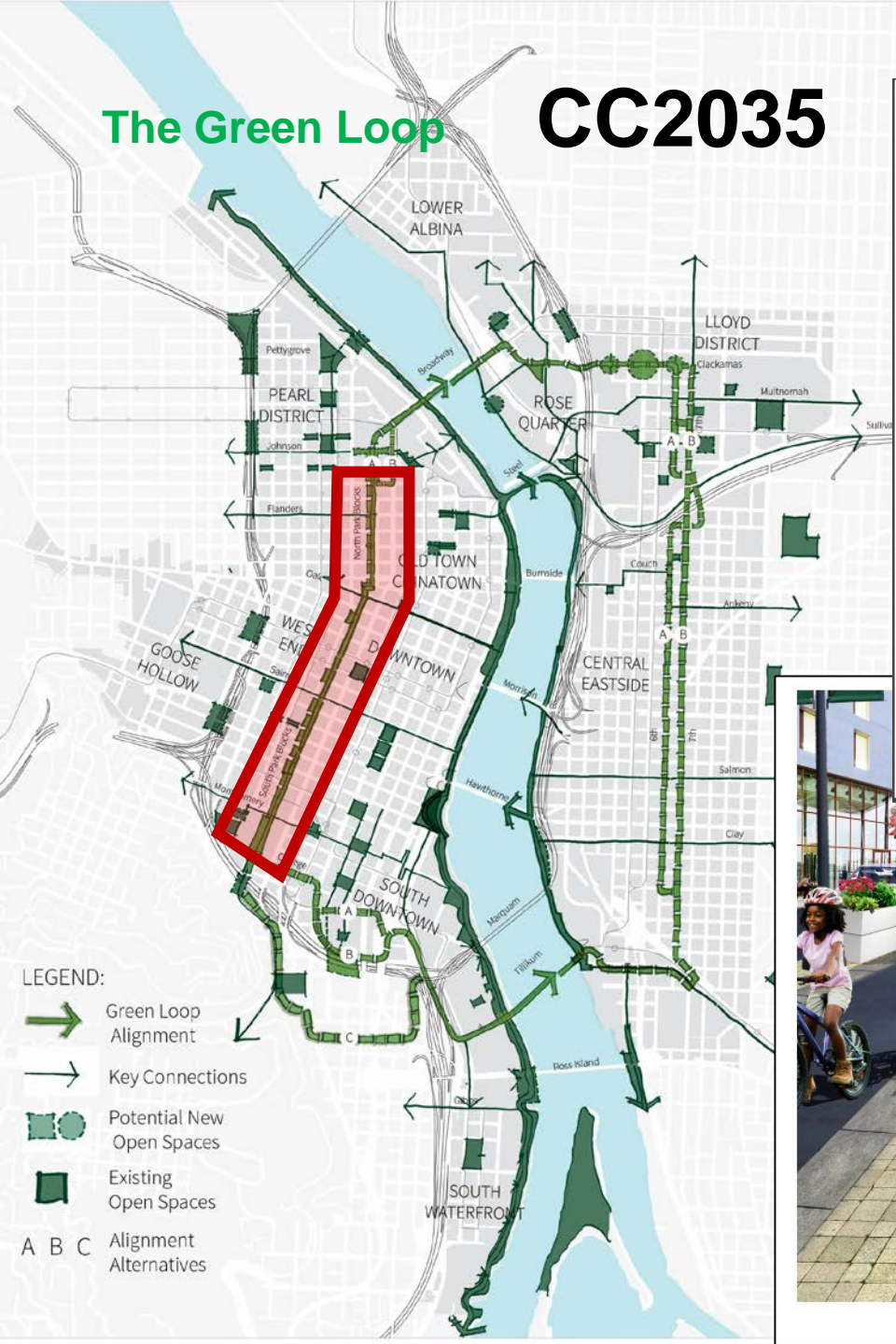
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May 24, 2018:  
**City Council voted unanimously to endorse a resolution supporting the advancement of the Green Loop**



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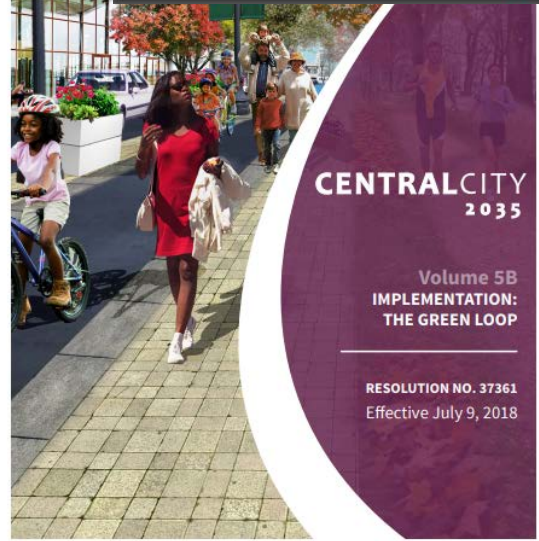
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- Zoning Code change:
- **12' setback** along North and South Park Blocks
  - **50% landscaped**



# The Green Loop is about **Community involvement.**



## ACTIVATE THE BLOCK

SATURDAY APRIL 16TH, 2016 | 2:00PM - 9:00PM  
PNCA | 511 NW BROADWAY, PORTLAND, OR

**FREE!**  
RAIN OR SHINE

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND HELP IMAGINE THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH PARK BLOCKS

- DESIGN WEEK PORTLAND ARTIST EXHIBITION
- PNCA NEW MEDIA ARTISTS
- MOVIE IN THE PARK STARTING AT 7:30
- ASH WOODFRED PIZZA, SCOOP ICE CREAM, AND YOBURI COFFEE
- GREEN LOOP DISCUSSION
- LOCAL MUSICIANS
- TINKER TENT FOR KIDS

HOSTED BY PNCA MFA COLLABORATIVE DESIGN & BLIGHT MAGAZINE  
FOLLOW @BLIGHTPDX ON TWITTER FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES!

## CONNECT THE PARK BLOCKS

# OREGON *Saturday Walkways*

ON THE 'GREEN LOOP'  
AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am-4:00pm

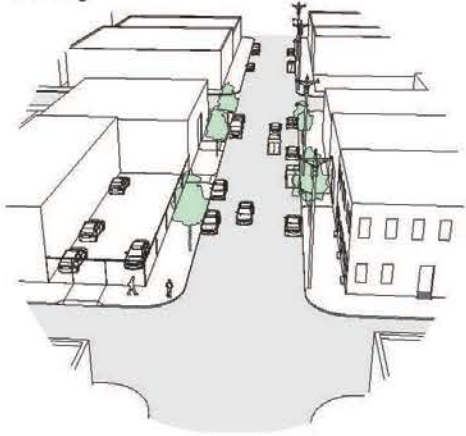
The International Open Streets Summit is coming to the Park Blocks! A one-day pedestrian route along Park Ave – from NW Hoyt to SW Market – will allow people to walk between the North and South Park Blocks and be clear of parked cars or vehicle traffic. Increase foot traffic and build community, as envisioned by the Green Loop concept!

Get involved at  
Volunteer.betterblockpdx@gmail.com



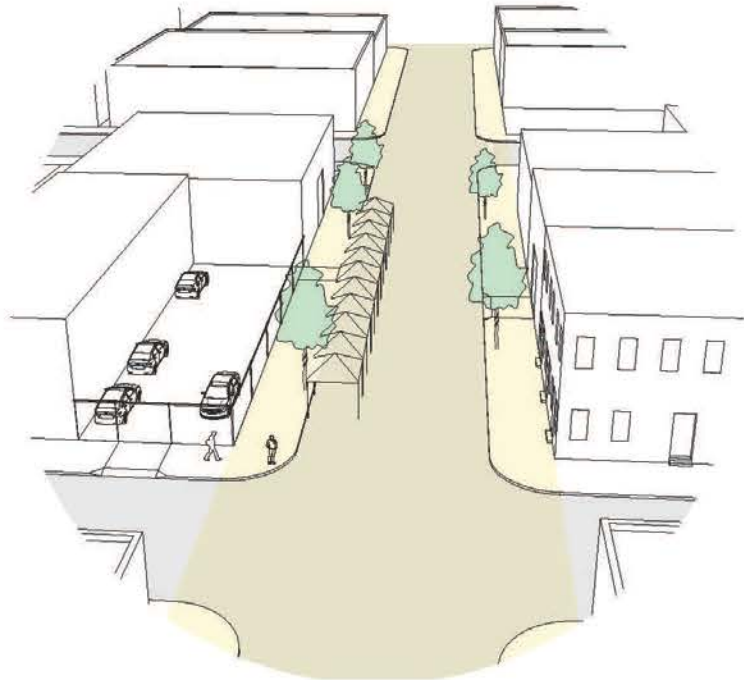


Existing



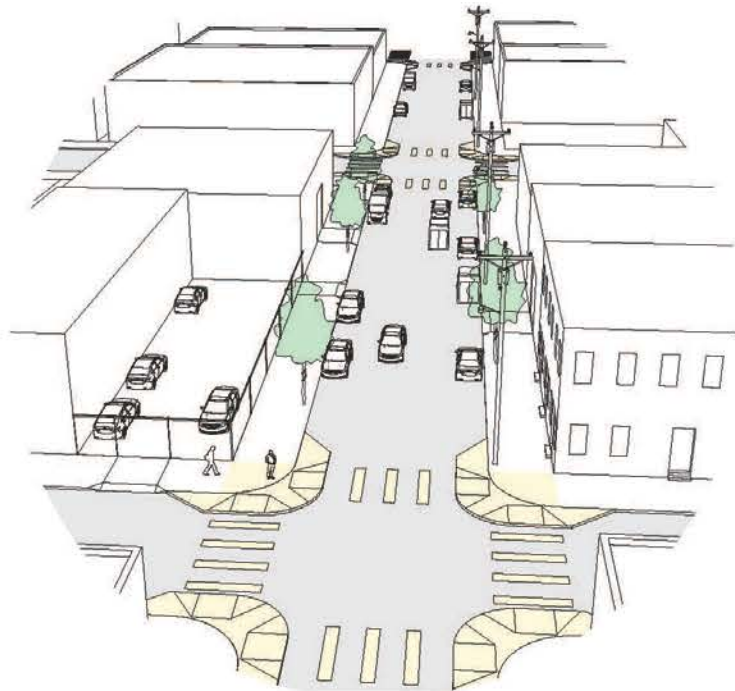
Events

Temporary street closures for events bring people to the street.



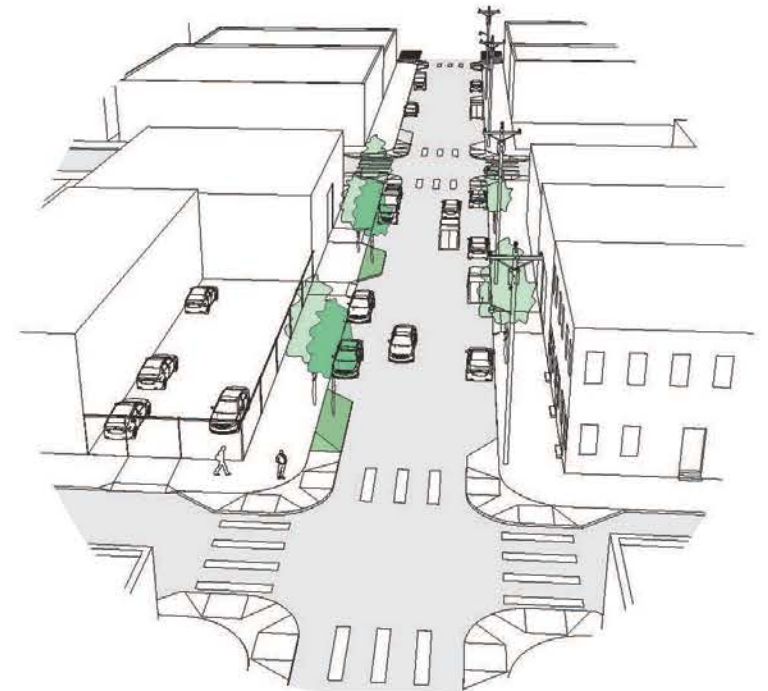
Pedestrian Improvements

Basic infrastructure upgrades establish 6th as a pedestrian corridor.



Planting

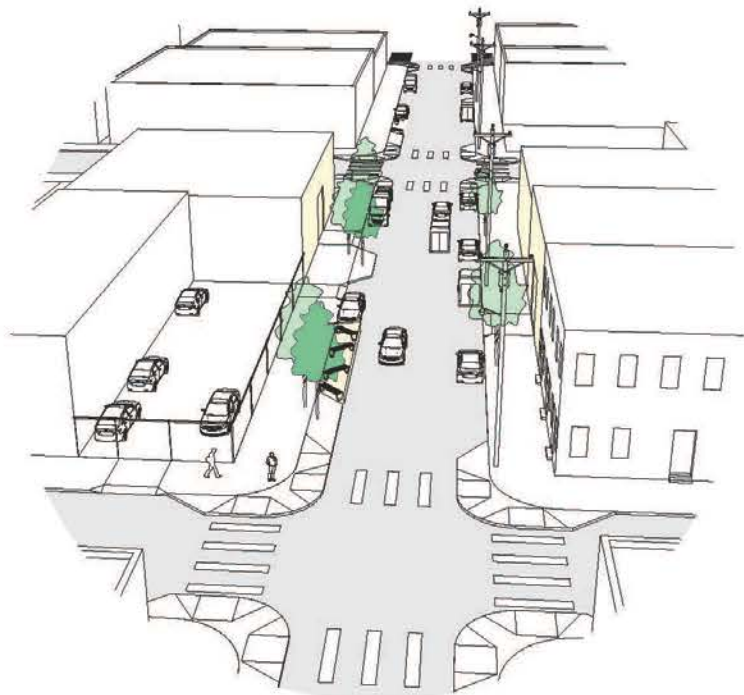
Introduce "green" pockets into the street with stormwater planters and trees.





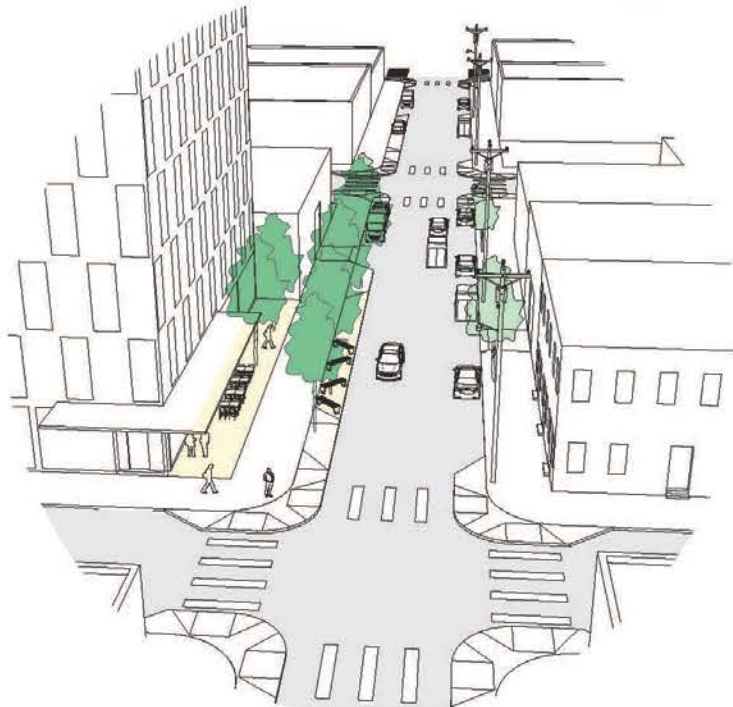
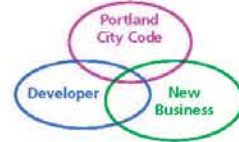
### Street Seats & Murals

Activate the pedestrian realm.



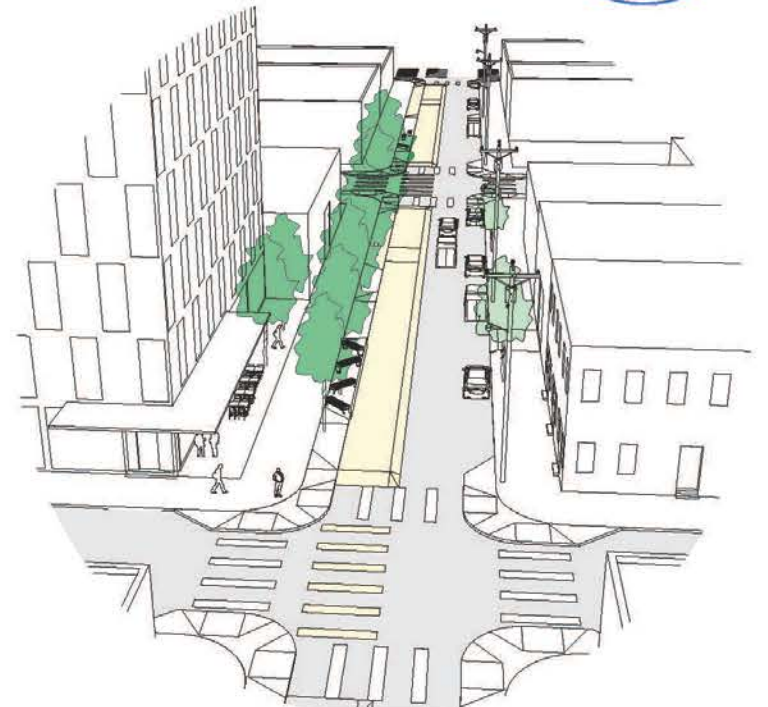
### Redevelopment

Expand the pedestrian realm when properties redevelop.



### Street Reconfiguration

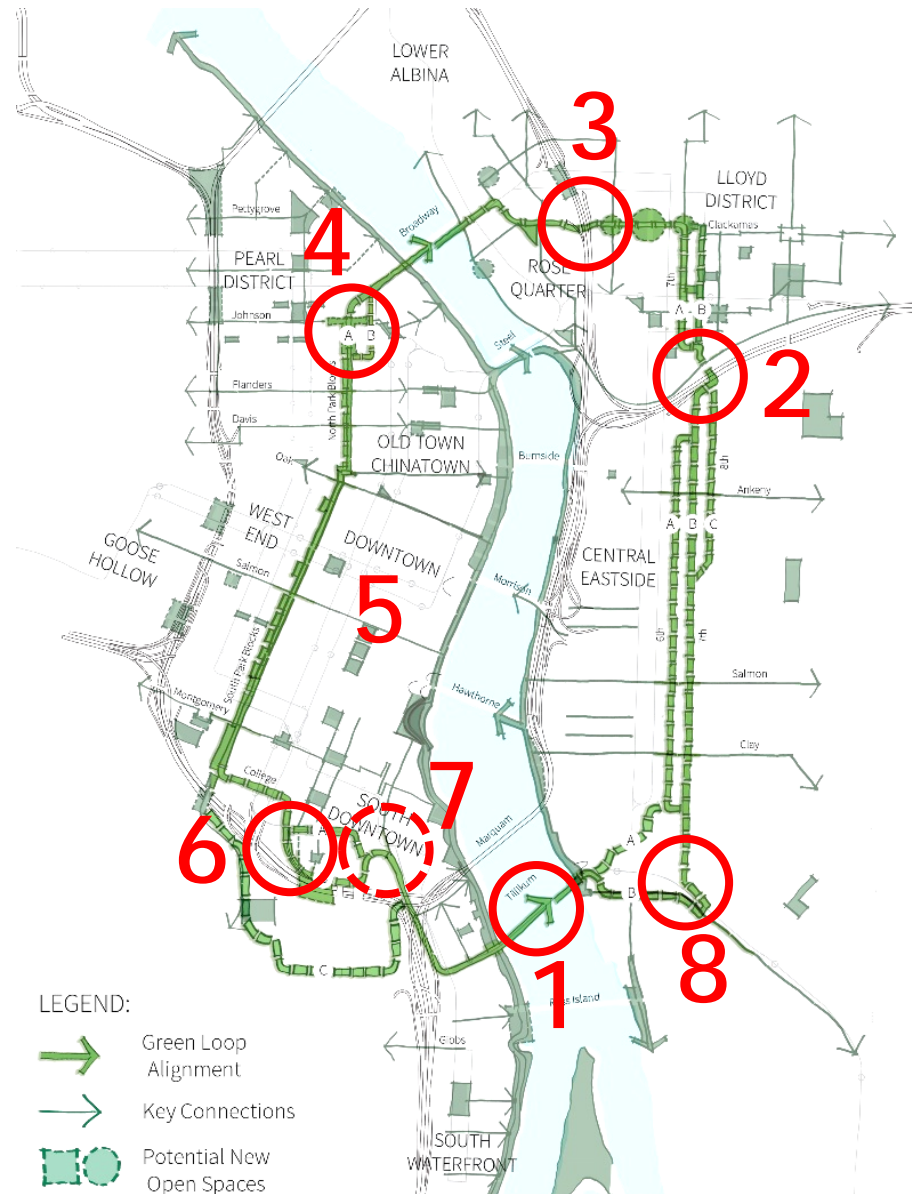
Complete the street by reducing space dedicated to vehicles and adding more space for bicyclists.





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# Capital Projects in Progress



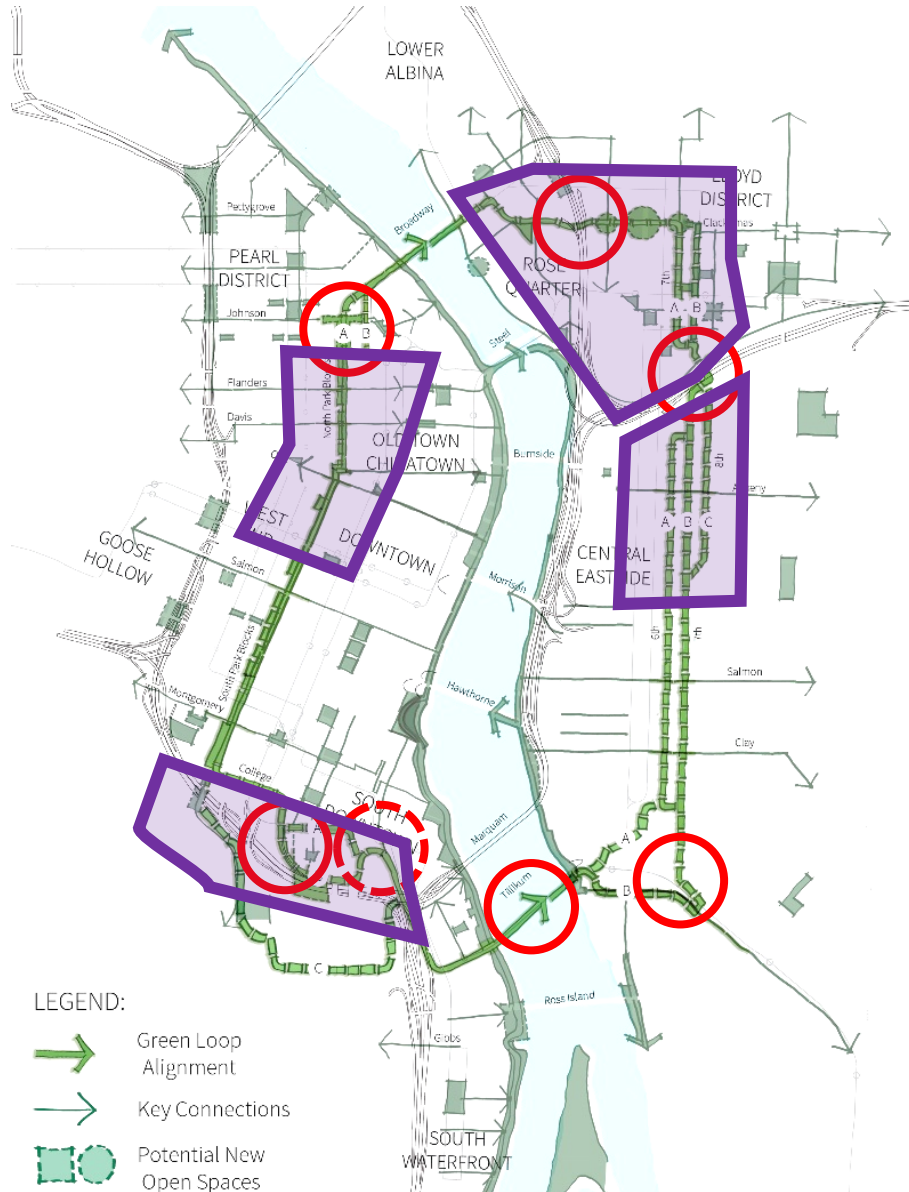
1. Trimet: Tilikum Crossing Bridge
2. PBOT: Sullivan's Gulch Crossing
3. ODOT: I-5 Broadway/Weidler Interchange Project
4. PDC: Broadway Corridor Framework Plan (USPS site)
5. PBOT: Central City in Motion
6. Metro/TriMet: SW Corridor connections to Central City
7. TBD: "Hill Park" connection
8. Metro/TriMet: Division Transit Project



# Analysis / Future Implementation in Progress

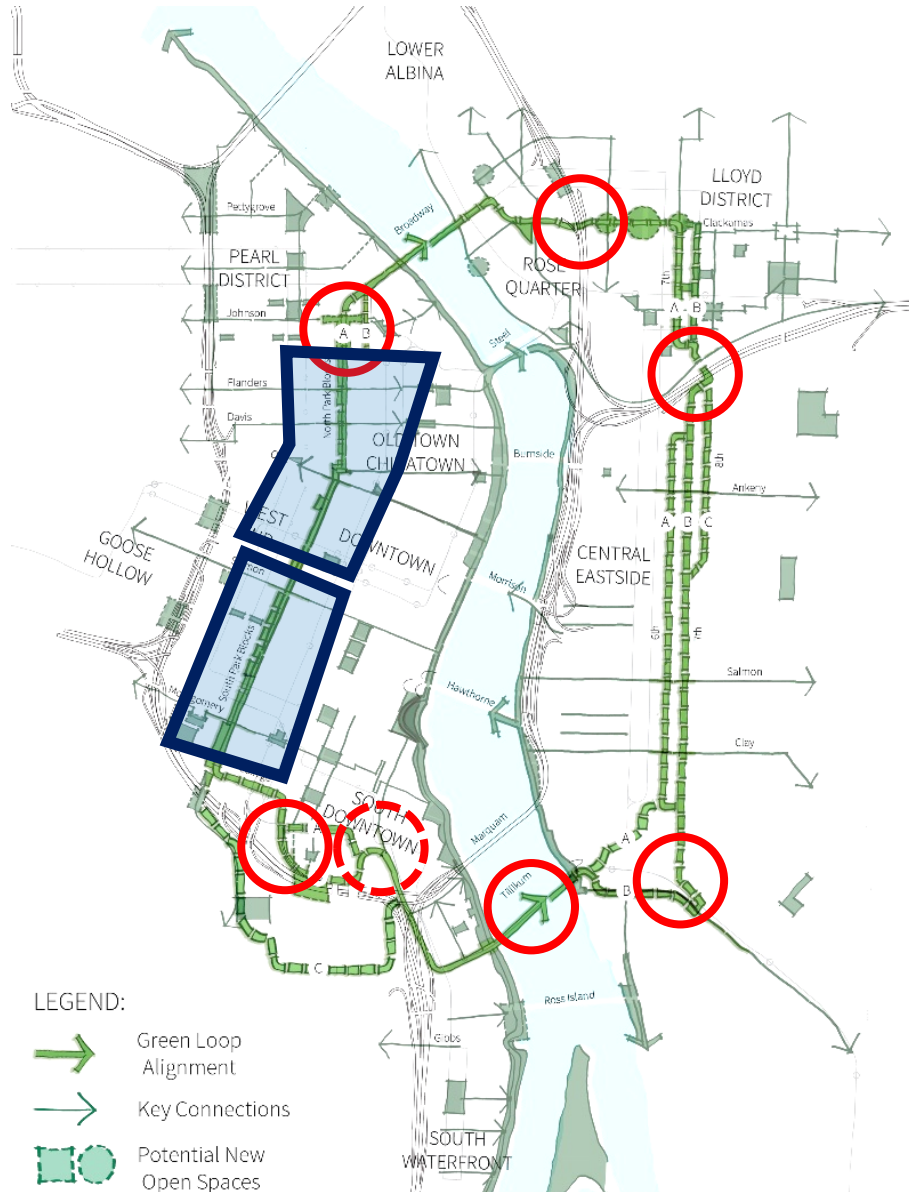
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- North Park Blocks
- Central Eastside from Sandy to I-84
- Lloyd District from future bridge to future bridge
- South Downtown





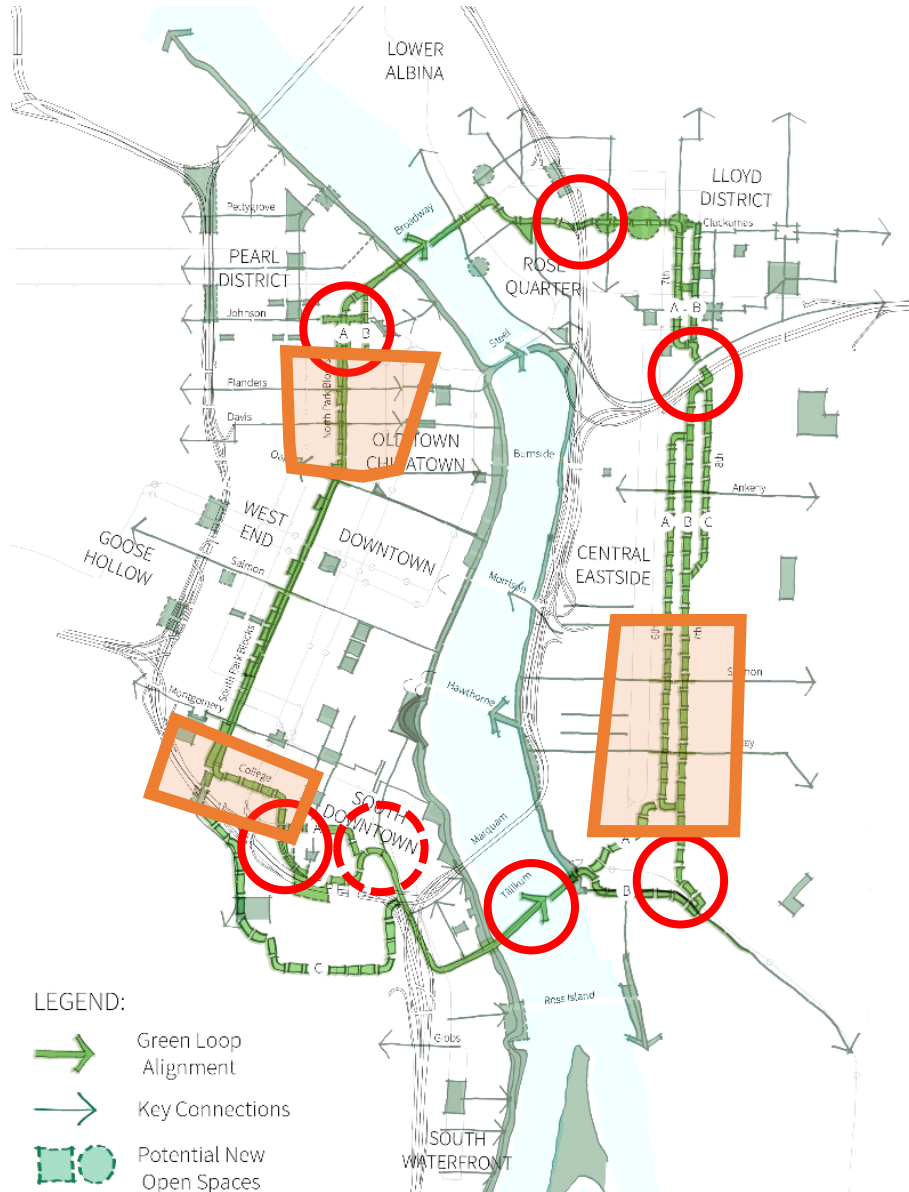
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**Related Project with Portland Parks:**  
South Park Blocks Master Plan



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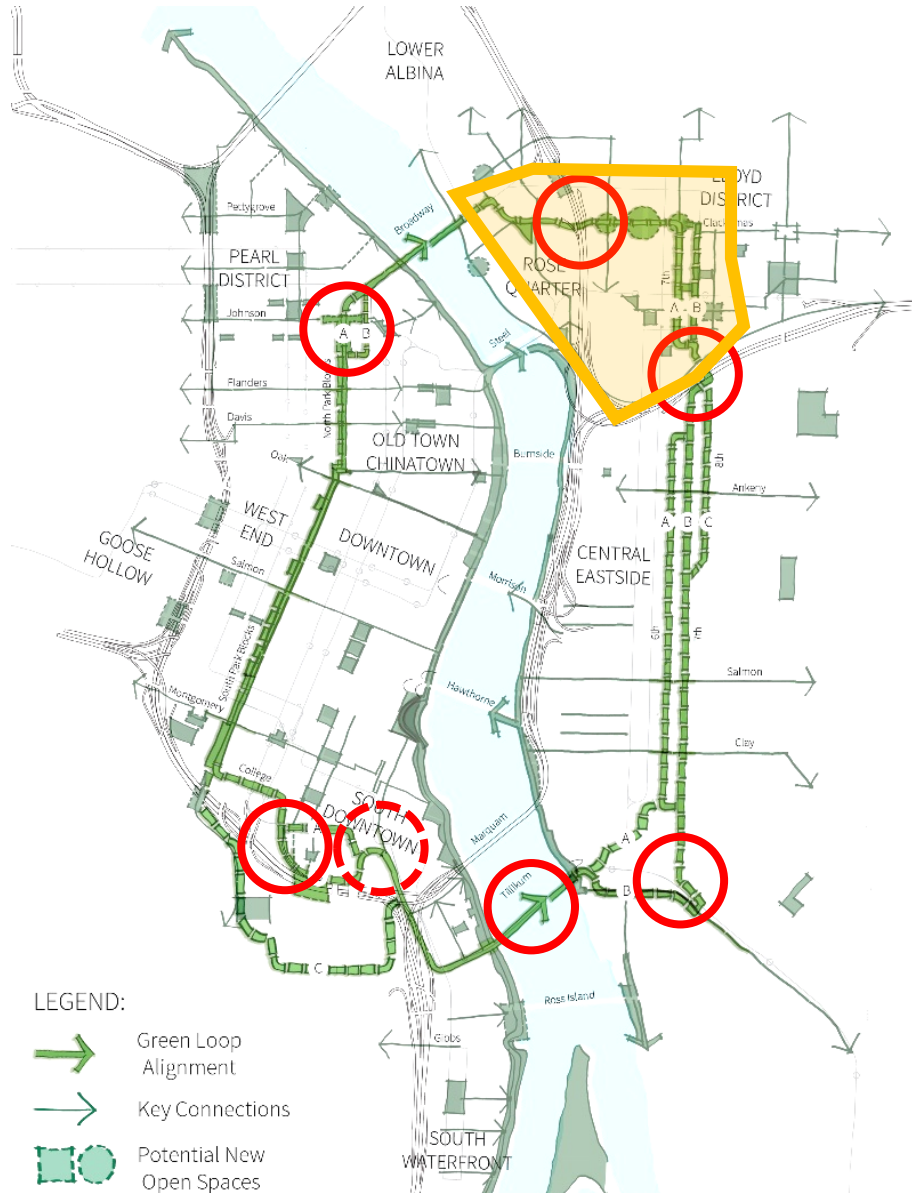


## Potential Implementation with PBOT Central City in Motion:

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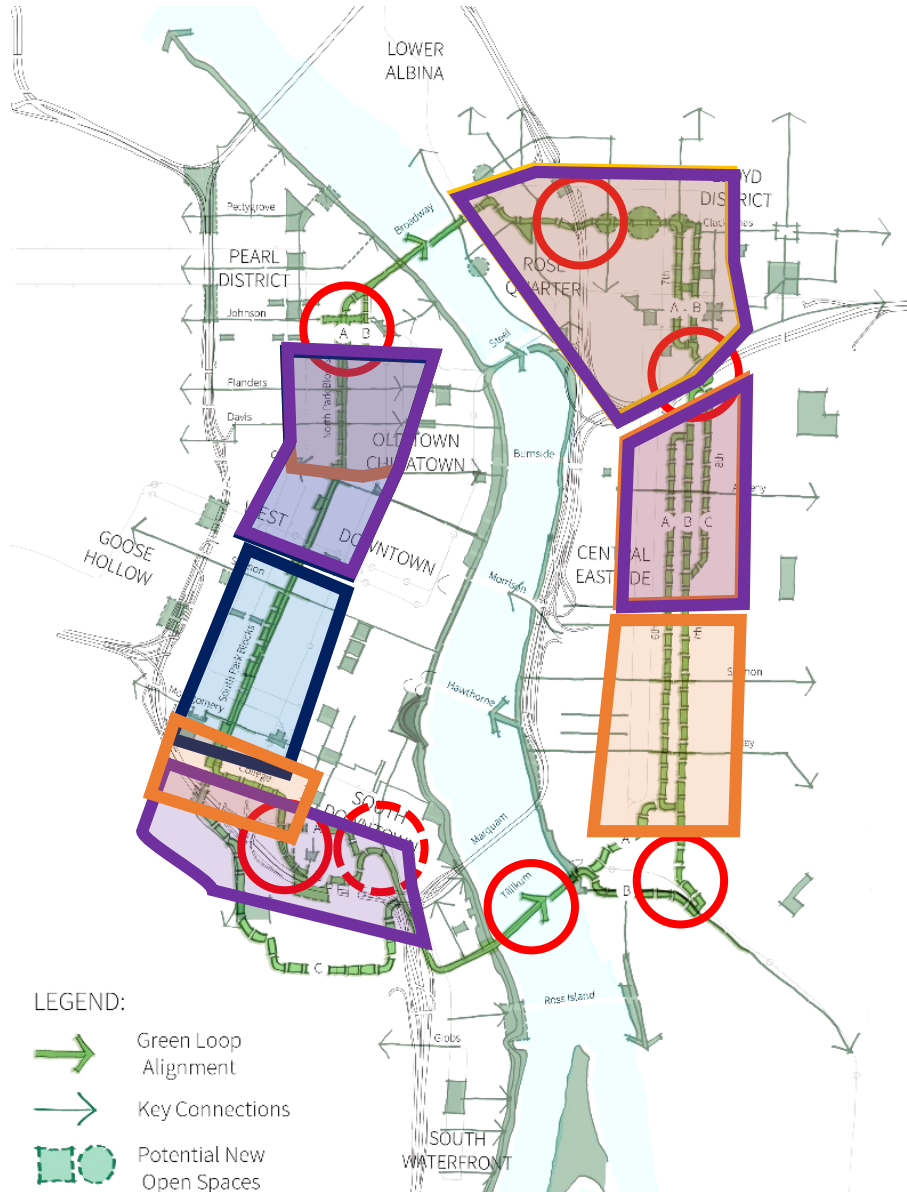
South Park Blocks Master Plan

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# Alignment in progress

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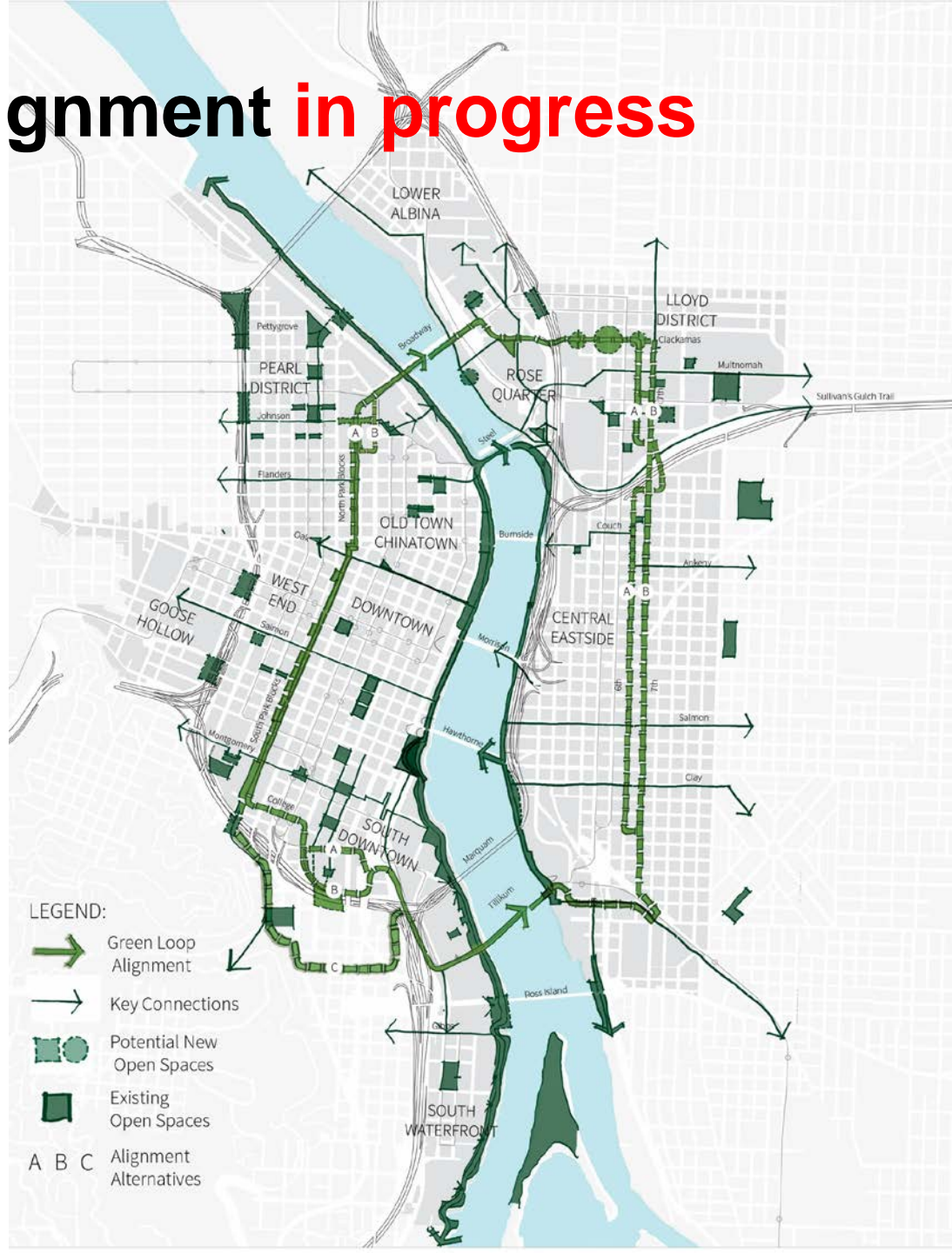
NW 8<sup>th</sup> / NW Park,  
TBD (PBOT CC in Motion)

### Midtown Blocks and South Park Blocks:

SW 9<sup>th</sup>, SW Park/SW 9<sup>th</sup>,  
TBD (PBOT CC in Motion)

### South Downtown:

TBD  
(Existing Conditions  
Analysis)



### Lloyd:

NE Clackamas, TBD  
NE 6<sup>th</sup> / NE 7<sup>th</sup>, TBD  
(Potential first segment)

### Central Eastside:

SE 6<sup>th</sup>  
(PBOT CC in Motion)



# The Green Loop Design Principles



Physical Separation



Walking, Jogging, Biking



Branding / Identity



Connected Canopy



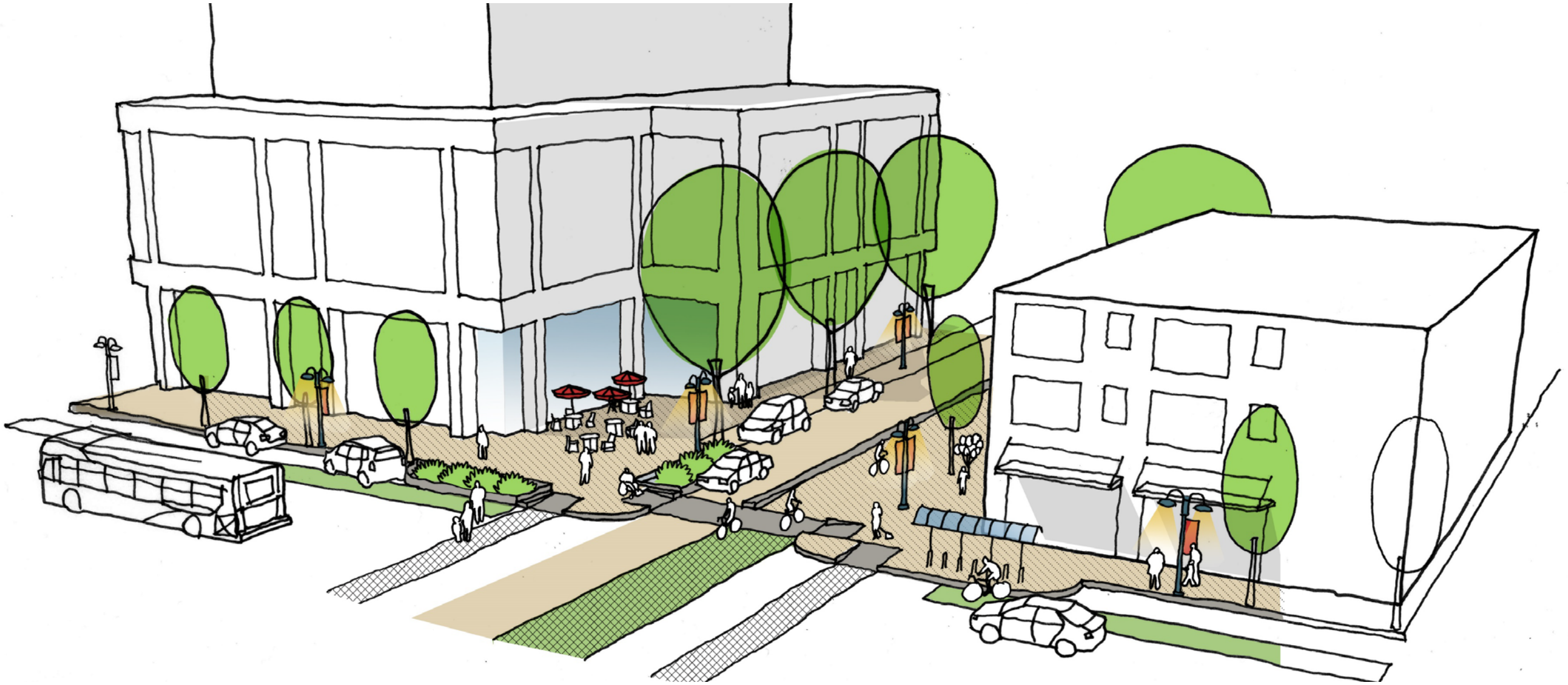
Creative Furnishing Design



Building Orientation



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**DESIGN OVERLAY ZONE AMENDMENTS TOOLS**  
 Concept Report | May 2018  
 Comments appreciated by June 1, 2018

**CONTAINS**

- Concepts for:
  - Design overlay zone map
  - Thresholds
  - "Character" buildings
- Conceptual Framework for discretionary design guidelines and objective design standards

40% DRAFT

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**NEW**

**CENTRAL CITY FUNDAMENTAL DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Portland Oregon 150

City of Portland  
 Bureau of Planning  
 Portland, Oregon  
 April 1, 2001  
 Updated November 8, 2003



# The Green Loop **Related CC Fundamental Design Guidelines**

## **A 8 CONTRIBUTE TO A VIBRANT STREETScape**

Integrate **building setbacks** with adjacent sidewalks to increase the space for potential public use.

## **B 4 PROVIDE STOPPING AND VIEWING PLACES**

Provide safe, comfortable places where people can stop, view, socialize, and rest. Ensure that these places do not conflict with other sidewalk uses.

## **B 5 MAKE PLAZAS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SUCCESSFUL**

**“dedicated public space”**

Orient building elements such as main entries, lobbies, windows, and balconies to face public parks, plazas, and open spaces. Where provided, integrate water features and/or public art to enhance the public open space. Develop locally-oriented pocket parks that incorporate amenities for nearby patrons.

## **C 1 ENHANCE VIEW OPPORTUNITIES**

Orient windows, entrances, balconies, and other building elements to surrounding points of interest and activity. **Develop building facades that create visual connections to adjacent public spaces.**

## **C 6 DEVELOP TRANSITIONS BETWEEN BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SPACES**

Develop **transitions between private development and public open space.** Use site design features such as movement zones, landscape elements, gathering places, and seating opportunities to develop transition areas where private development directly abuts a dedicated public open space

# The Green Loop **Related CC Fundamental Design Guidelines**

## **D 1 PARK BLOCKS**

**Orient building entrances, lobbies, balconies, terraces, windows, and active use areas to the Park Blocks.**

In the South Park Blocks, strengthen the area's emphasis on history, education, and the arts by integrating special building elements, such as water features or public art.

In the Midtown Park Blocks, strengthen the connection between the North and South Park Blocks by using a related system of right-of-way elements, materials, and patterns.

In the North Park Blocks, strengthen the area's role as a binding element between New China / Japantown and the Pearl District



