

Project Advisory Committee Meeting #9

MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2017 LOCATION: 1900 SW 4TH AVENUE, 7TH FLOOR

TIME: 4:00-6:00 P.M.

MEETING

PURPOSE: Review next steps in the site screening and system planning process.

Continue to review committee's ideas on candidate sites for off-road facilities, focusing

on Northwest Portland.

Discuss planning principles and concepts for Forest Park.

AGENDA

1. (Info) Welcome, Overview of Agenda & Project Updates 10 minutes

Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement

2. (Info) Site Screening and System Planning – Next Steps 10 minutes

Kristen Lohse, Toole Design Group

Michelle Kunec-North, BPS

3. (Input Activity) Review and Refine Potential Candidate Sites 20 minutes

Focus on Northwest Portland

Adrian Witte & Kristen Lohse, Toole Design Group

Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement

4. (Input Activity) Forest Park Planning Principles and Concepts 60 minutes

Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement

Michelle Kunec-North, BPS

5. (Info) Public Comment 15 minutes

6. (Info) Meeting Wrap up/Next Steps 5 minutes

Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement

Kristen Lohse, Toole Design Group

Starting point:

All properties owned by the City of Portland, within the city limits (about 1,425 properties)

How is the project identifying proposed off-road cycling sites?

The diagram below describes the process for screening City-owned properties and developing a draft map. The draft map will show a proposed system of off-road cycling trails and parks that provide will variety of high-quality off-road cycling experiences in a safe and sustainable way.

PORTLAND OFF-ROAD CYCLING MASTER PLAN

Step 1. Fatal Flaw Screening

This initial step screened out properties with certain physical characteristics that make them unsuitable for off-road cycling:

- Smaller than 2 acres
- Average slope greater than 70%
- Archaeological significance
- More than 50% wetland
- Already fully developed
- Designated prime industrial land

Other Plan components

(Existing inventory, needs assessment,

best practices, community input, etc.)

The project team completed this screening using the best available GIS information with review by the Project Advisory Committee.

After Step 1, approximately 350 properties remained under consideration.

Step 2. Off-road Cycling Assessment

This step screened out properties that would not provide a meaningful offroad cycling experience. It categorized remaining sites as potentially suitable for off-road cycling trails, parks, or both.

A property was identified as potential **park** site if:

- There is minimal average slope (<15%)
- It is not a Natural Area
- Less than 70% of the site has a high Natural Resource Inventory rating

A property was identified as a potential **trail** site if:

- It is larger than 5 acres
- It could provide a minimum of 1 mile of feasible trail length based on the following trail densities:
 - Natural Areas: 1 mile/50+ acres
 - Developed sites of 5-20 acres: 1 mile/1-5 acres
 - Developed sites larger than 20 acres: 1 mile/6-20 acres

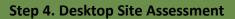
The project team completed this step using the best available GIS information with review by the Project Advisory Committee. After Step 2, approximately 225 properties were forwarded to Step 3.

Step 3. Initial opportunity mapping

The Project Advisory Committee, technical advisors, and the project team will identify initial sites that might offer opportunities to provide a network of diverse off-road cycling experiences. The project team will also consider:

- Overall community needs and levels of service
- Geographic distribution of potential sites
- Connectivity and accessibility by bicycle and transit networks

The opportunity sites that are identified in this step will become the focus of Step 4.



This step will further assess whether opportunity sites can provide quality, sustainable off-road cycling facilities, using more detailed information than previous steps. Considerations for each site might include:

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- Regulatory restrictions
- Existing master and management plans
- Environmental factors, such as habitat, soils, and waterways
- Compatibility with other existing or planned recreational facilities on the property

The project team will complete the desktop site assessment using the best available GIS information and input from City property managers.

Step 6. On-the-ground Site Assessment

Specialists in environmental conservation and off-road cycling facility design will examine potential sites that have unique features or challenges. During these field visits, these consultants might:

- Confirm suitability for the types of riding experiences proposed
- Verify environmental conditions
- Identify site-specific factors that might impact the design, construction, or management of a facility
- Consider potential impacts to adjacent property owners



Step 5. Community Feedback

As part of a broader community engagement strategy, community members will be able to explore and comment on all potential off-road cycling sites via an online, interactive map. Sites that were screened out in Steps 1 through 4 will also be identified.

Community members will be asked to help shape the plan by:

- Commenting on potential sites,
- Voicing their priorities for Portland's parks and trails,
- Identifying ways to create a varied off-road cycling system that meets community needs
- Verifying the results of Steps 1 through 4,
- Identifying potential management opportunities or challenges that should be explored further.



