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Subject: River District Right of Way Standards: 2020 update to reflect the USPS Masterplan site

PBOT staff prepared a proposed update to the River District Right of Way Standards to support the development of the USPS masterplan site (USPS site). These changes are guided by the Broadway Corridor Framework Plan, adopted by City Council in 2015, and the proposed update to the River District Master Street Plan approved by the Planning and Sustainability Commission in January 2020. The River District Right of Way Standards and the River District Master Street Plan will be advanced to City Council for adoption in 2020.

The River District Right-of-Way Standards establishes a common understanding of the improvements required in the River District's public rights-of-way. Both private and public street improvements are subject to this document and approval by the City Engineer. Updates are proposed throughout the document to support the creation of new special streets through the USPS site on NW Park Ave and NW Johnson St. Updated materials also advance the design of the Green Loop to and through the site.

To support easy review of changes by the Design Commission, PBOT staff packaged a subset of new and updated passages in the proposed update to the River District Right of way Standards related to the USPS site. This package is outlined below.

Framework Plan Maps | These maps identify special streets throughout the district and specify the appropriate street elements and standards for each block. Key changes in this draft include

- **Section 1.0 River District Street Network**, p.2 – Overview map of the street network, including the Green Loop alignment.
- **Section 1.2 Street Widths: Right-of-Way**, p.22 – Overview map of street right of way width.
- **Section 1.3 Typical River District Streets**, p.23 – Map of typical streets.
- **Section 1.4 Special Function River District Streets**, p.25 – Map of special function streets.
- **Section 1.5 Street Trees Framework Plan**, p.37 – Overview map of street tree requirements.
- **Section 1.6 Street Lighting**, p.39– Overview map of street lighting requirements in the River District.



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Framework Plan Special Street Specifications | These summary sheets specify overall dimensions and design elements for special streets throughout the district. New streets in the USPS site are added in this update:

- **Johnson St Framework Plan**, p.35 – Summary of construction specifications for the new Johnson St extension.
- **Park Ave Framework Plan**, p. 36 - Summary of construction specifications for the new Park Ave extension.

Performance Criteria | This section includes design guidance on a variety of topics, including guidelines for special function streets or notable street design elements. Guidance in this section is meant to guide, not prescribe design solutions. New sections include:

- **Section 2.11 Johnson and Park Special Function Streets** (p. 62-63) – This section offers design guidance related to the new streets in the USPS site, including design elements to advance recommendations of the Broadway Corridor Framework Plan.
- **Section 2.12 Green Loop Criteria** (p.64-66) – This section offers high-level guidance related to the Green Loop proposed urban trail that connects to and through the USPS site.

Design Standards | This section includes design drawings related to the construction of typical and special streets.

- **Special Function Streets**, p.98-106 – These pages include schematic design standards for elements of the new Johnson St and Park Ave. A future detailed design phase will finalize the specific design elements, construction materials and other considerations.

Additional Modifications in the proposed update

The entire proposed draft can be accessed at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/752825>. This proposed draft of the River District Right of Way Standards includes additional technical updates to reflect other council adopted guidelines and initiatives that apply district-wide, not included in this package. These additional updates include

- Transportation System Plan Classification Maps, p.10-15
- Bicycle Criteria, p.42
- Transit Criteria, p. 44
- Stormwater Management Criteria, p.68
- technical updates to Design Standards, p.73-90