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## MEMO

**DATE:** August 29, 2012  
**TO:** Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission  
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**CC:** Susan Anderson, Director; Steve Iwata, Central City Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** N/NE Quadrant Plan and I-5 Broadway/Weidler Interchange Facility Plan

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The Planning and Sustainability Commission will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Central City N/NE Quadrant Plan and the related I-5 Broadway/Weidler Interchange Facility Plan on September 11, 2012. A follow-up work session is scheduled for September 25, 2012.

Below is a brief description of these two integrated plans, developed through a shared public process, and staff's recommendations to the commission. Additional summary information is included in the attached project Stakeholder Advisory Committee Recommendations document and the plans themselves.

### 1. Project Description

The N/NE Quadrant and I-5 Broadway/Weidler Plans were developed as a part of the Central City 2035 project, an effort to update the 1988 Central City Plan. The first component of Central City 2035 is the Concept Plan, which the commission will consider on September 11, immediately prior to the the quadrant and facility plans. Together, the N/NE Quadrant and I-5 Broadway/Weidler Plans represent the results of a unique collaboration between the State of Oregon and the City of Portland to integrate long-range land use, urban design and local transportation planning for Lower Albina and the Lloyd District with planning for freeway improvements that address long-identified safety and operational issues on Interstate 5 near the Rose Quarter.

Guided by a diverse Stakeholder Advisory Committee and an extensive public involvement process, these mutually supportive plans provide a vision for an intensely vibrant and urban Lloyd District, growing employment and economic activity in Lower Albina and a much safer, friendlier, and more efficient freeway interchange at NE Broadway and NE Weidler streets.



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The N/NE Quadrant Plan contains goals, policies, urban design diagrams and implementation actions to guide future decision-making, physical development, and public and private investment. Key elements include:

- Fostering the growth of the Lloyd District into the intensely urban east side center of the Central City, with a focus on new residential development that will add activity and vibrancy to the district;
- Providing amenities, such as parks, street improvements and green infrastructure to support and encourage new development;
- Creating sensitive transitions to historic neighborhoods;
- Preserving the industrial employment character of Lower Albina;
- Improving regional access and local street safety and connectivity for all modes; and
- Addressing concerns of loss of historic and cultural resources.

The I-5 Broadway/Weidler Facility Plan contains a planning-level concept for improvements to Interstate 5 and the Broadway/Weidler interchange. Key elements include:

- Improving freeway operations and safety with new auxiliary lanes and shoulders in both directions on I-5 between I-84 and I-405;
- Significant safety and connectivity improvements for all transportation modes using freeway crossings and surface streets in the area, including:
  - Rebuilt structures over the freeway and a covered lid section between Broadway and Weidler;
  - Relocation of the I-5 southbound on-ramp to Weidler;
  - Reverse traffic flow on Williams and improved bicycle access and safety;
  - A new local street connection between NE Hancock and N Dixon; and
  - A new pedestrian/bicycle bridge in the vicinity of Clackamas/Winning Way.

## 2. Staff Recommendations

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability recommends that the Planning and Sustainability Commission make the following recommendations to the Portland City Council:

- A) Adopt the N/NE Quadrant Plan as non-binding City policy;
- B) Direct the the Bureau of Planning to complete the long-range Central City quadrant planning outlined in the Central City 2035 Concept Plan and return to City Council with a complete Central City 2035 Plan package;
- C) Recommend that the Oregon Transportation Commission adopt the I-5 Broadway/Weidler Facility Plan;
- D) Direct the Bureau of Transportation to work with the Oregon Department of Transportation to:
  - Develop a phasing strategy and secure funding to implement the I-5 Broadway/Weidler Facility Plan; and
  - Implement near-term safety-enhancing improvements to surface streets in the vicinity of the Broadway/Weidler interchange.

