

MEMO

DATE: September 6, 2012

TO: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

FROM: Joe Zehnder, Chief Planner

CC: Susan Anderson, Director; Steve Iwata, Central City Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Staff Amendment to Proposed Draft N/NE Quadrant Plan

The Planning and Sustainability Commission will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Central City N/NE Quadrant Plan on September 11, 2012. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability recommends an amendment to the draft plan that would clean-up the zoning pattern in the vicinity of the Rose Quarter Transit Center, an area that has undergone sigfnicant property reconfigurations due to the Rose Garden and Transit Center projects. The proposal would rezone 3.3 acres from IG1g to CXdg. While the majority of the area is in public right-of-way or public ownership, a small portion is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad (UP). Pending the outcome of ongoing discussions with UP, the boundary of the proposal may be amended slightly at the time of the September 11 hearing.

Recommended Amendment: Add the following text and map to the description of Lloyd District Action Item TR14 in Appendix B: Implementation Action Details (p. 74-75).

"In order to facilitate future reconfiguration of street and lot patterns near the transit center and improve the area's development potential, the plan recommends rezoning 3.3 acres of land west of the transit center from General Industrial 1 (IG1g) to Central Commercial (CXdg), as shown on the map below. The existing River General (g) overlay zone would remain. Approximately 93 percent of the area is in public rights-of-way. Most of the area is not currently developable but some of the land west of North Interstate could potentially be used for small or interim uses prior to a major reconfiguration of the area. Central Commercial zoning with the Design (d) overlay that matches the surrounding zoning will faciliate future development that takes advantage of regional transit access and supports the plan's vision of a highly urban and vital Lloyd District."





