



Maplewood Neighborhood Association

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City of Portland - Planning and Sustainability Commission
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The Maplewood Neighborhood Association submits the following comments regarding the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update Proposed Draft.

1. Maplewood NA supports the City's partnerships with school districts in siting schools (Policy 8.99) and believes that cooperation should be more integrated into the overall planning process. Maplewood Elementary, West Hills Montessori School and St. John Fisher School serve the families in Maplewood and all require improvements to public infrastructure, such as roads and sidewalks, to provide for safe pedestrian and vehicle access.
2. Policy 8.96 proposes that schools be considered for gathering and aid distribution centers during a natural disaster. This policy should be accompanied by a plan for assessing whether or not a school is adequately constructed to withstand a major earthquake.
3. Maplewood NA supports Policy 8.89 to enhance community preparedness through public facility investments. We believe the Sears Armory on Multnomah Blvd. would be a good choice for such a community safety or emergency management facility.
4. The Maplewood Neighborhood Plan, as adopted by City ordinance in 1997, and updated in 2001, should be listed with other adopted neighborhood plans and incorporated by reference in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.
5. SW Vermont should be classified as a district collector rather than a neighborhood collector. This street is the designated bicycle route as well as a walking route and is safe for neither use currently. The street serves West Hills Montessori School and St. John Fisher School as well as the SW Community Center and Gabriel Park, and is the only public right-of-way that provides an east-west connection along or through Maplewood.
6. Maplewood NA also supports SWNI's request to extend the public comment period to 120 days after release of the policy language on Institutions and Employment Centers and Multi-use Districts.

Sincerely,

Karen Font Williams, SWNI Board Representative
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