



Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Innovation. Collaboration. Practical Solutions.

Montgomery Park to Hollywood NW Project Working Group

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Meeting No. 1: May 13, 2020

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Jen Macias, Greg Madden, Mike Stonebreaker, Dalton Humann, Phil Selinger, Alexandra Zimmermann, Stephen Ramos, Steve Pinger, Jordan Winkler, Raymond Becich, Brian Ames, Reza Farhoodi, Craig Hamilton, Stephanie Basalyga, Kashea Kilson-Anderson, Joy Pearson

Staff in Attendance: Kate Drennan, PBOT; Barry Manning, Nicholas Starin, Eric Engstrom, BPS; Joana Filgueiras, Prosper Portland; Dan Bower, Andrew Plambeck, Portland Streetcar

Welcome and Introductions

Staff introduced themselves and the PWG members introduced themselves and mentioned their interest in the project.

Project Overview

Staff gave a presentation covering the project background, existing conditions, and schedule. The presentation is posted online: https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/pwg_meeting_5-13-20_web.pdf

Questions and comments from PWG members during the Project Overview include:

- The project should coordinate with TriMet and their service enhancement planning. Staff noted that TriMet is represented on the project Technical Advisory Group and that TriMet and PBOT are engaged in transit analysis that is assessing what types of transit investment and service are most appropriate for different land use scenarios. This analysis is a separate task from the MP2H effort, but the results will be utilized as part of the transportation and land use analysis.



City of Portland, Oregon | Bureau of Planning and Sustainability | www.portlandonline.com/bps
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100, Portland, OR 97201 | phone: 503-823-7700 | fax: 503-823-7800 | tty: 503-823-6868

Printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper.



Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Innovation. Collaboration. Practical Solutions.

- We may want to reframe how we describe impacts to industrial businesses as trade-offs. Residential development may not necessarily be incompatible with industrial uses; can we figure out how to make them work together?
- Protecting existing industrial businesses will be important.
- Suggest that finer-grain equity and demographic mapping would be more helpful. Can we map at the Census Block Group level?
- What does the Equity mapping say about the NW Industrial area? Staff noted that the equity metrics are based on demographic data and there are too few households in the Guild's Lake industrial district for this kind of analysis.
- The carrying capacity of NW transportation portals is a key consideration, e.g. the intersection of NW 23rd and Vaughn and the I-405 ramps. Staff noted this will be a part of the project's transportation analysis.

PWG Role, Bylaws, Future Meetings

Staff discussed the PWG role and referred to the draft Bylaws that were distributed prior to the meeting. Staff explained that the PWG would focus on NW Portland issues, and the group is envisioned as a "sounding board" for staff on project issues and public participation; it also serves as a communication link to affiliated organizations. The PWG acknowledged this role. The draft Bylaws are posted online: <https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/mp2h-pwg-bylaws-5-14-20-draft.pdf>

Staff shared a draft list of project milestones and PWG meetings. Additional meetings of the PWG are expected to occur in June, August, September, December and February. This is tentative, subject to change. The draft meeting schedule is posted online:

https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/mp2h_pwgschedule_05-07-20_draft.pdf

Public Outreach

Staff shared information about the project public outreach approach, which is based on a draft Community Engagement Plan (https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-01/mp2h_community_engagement_plan_12-31-19_draft_web.pdf). The Community Based Organization grant process was also discussed. The grantees are Friendly House, NIBA, Hollywood Senior Center/Urban League, and MESO. The CBO outreach work is getting





Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Innovation. Collaboration. Practical Solutions.

underway and will help inform a possible equitable development strategy or community benefits approach.

An open House was held on March 2, 2020 and was attended by roughly 25 people. A summary report is published online: <https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/mp2h-oh1-report-draft-5-8-20.pdf> The next Public Event is a workshop (virtual) focused on the Urban Design Concepts. The workshop is targeted for early July.

PWG – next meeting date/next steps

Future meetings were discussed. Staff indicated that the first Monday, first Tuesday, first Wednesday, and second Wednesday of the month seemed most promising to fit PWG member's schedules. Phil Selinger noted that the NWDA transportation committee meets on the first Wednesday, which is a conflict for several PWG members. Staff agreed that first Wednesday was problematic and agreed to follow up with individuals to find the best day among the other choices.

The topic for the next PWG meeting will be to review Urban Design Concepts prior to sharing the concepts with the public in July. A couple PWG members asked if the concepts could be shared prior to the meeting. Staff said it may be possible to do that. Note: currently, the concepts are still evolving, so access prior to the meeting may be limited. However, PWG members will have several weeks to share information with organizations and provide feedback to staff.

Additional PWG Comments

- Milestone project documents should be provided as early as possible to the PWG to allow members to get feedback from their constituencies to share with the PWG and staff. Staff stated that they will do their best to allow adequate review time for key project documents, but that there may be some unavoidably tight turn-around times.
- Is “do nothing” an option? Staff indicated that that is always an option and that an “Industrial Scenario” is a minimal change option.
- Dan Bower asked the group if they felt comfortable with conducting meetings via Zoom and proceeding with a virtual public engagement process moving forward due to the pandemic. PWG members expressed some support for the virtual process, but there were concerns about engaging members of the public without internet access or who are less comfortable with an online interface.





Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Innovation. Collaboration. Practical Solutions.

Public Comments

None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Draft



City of Portland, Oregon | Bureau of Planning and Sustainability | www.portlandonline.com/bps

1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100, Portland, OR 97201 | phone: 503-823-7700 | fax: 503-823-7800 | tty: 503-823-6868

Printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper.