



PROPOSED DRAFT
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Lower SE Rising Area Plan Headed to Planning Commission

Portlanders invited to review the plan and testify in person on October 10 or in writing via the Map App

The City of Portland has released the *Lower SE Rising Area Plan Proposed Draft*, a long-range land use and transportation plan to address the needs of an area in southeast Portland lacking sidewalks and local commercial services. The plan covers the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood and nearby areas, including parts of the Mt Scott-Arleta, Woodstock, and Lents neighborhoods.

The Lower SE Rising Area Plan evolved from two years of community conversations about increasing neighborhood commercial and business services, housing diversity, and safe transportation options in the plan area. Now Portlanders can review the plan and tell us what they think.

The Portland Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 10, 2023, starting at 5 p.m. to hear what the community thinks about the plan's proposals. Keep reading to learn about the plan and how you can testify between now and the date of the hearing.

What's in the Proposed Draft

The Plan's proposals include zone changes to expand opportunities for more neighborhood businesses and affordable housing options, paired with transportation improvements, to make it easier for people to meet their daily needs locally, including:

- **Fostering a neighborhood business district in a new Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood center** around SE 72nd and Flavel to serve as a hub for commercial services with additional housing options.
- **Turning SE 52nd and 72nd into corridors with more housing options, commercial hubs at key intersections, and better transit service.** The plan would allow more types of housing, including more affordable options, along corridors and around mixed-use centers, giving more people the chance to live close to transit and commercial and community services.
- **Transportation improvements** to make it safer and easier to walk, bike and take transit in the area. The plan focuses on busier streets like SE 52nd, SE 72nd, and SE Woodstock, with proposals for safety improvements and transit. The plan also includes neighborhood greenway projects to fill in gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian networks as well as provide safe connections to parks, schools and other community destinations.
- **Community stabilization recommendations** for future actions to support affordable housing, small businesses, and connect people to resources so that all can benefit from future improvements.

Learn more

- Read the full **Proposed Draft Plan**: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/lower-se-rising/documents/lower-se-rising-proposed-draft>
- Visit the **Map App** to learn how proposed zoning affects specific properties: <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/lower-southeast-rising/#/map/>
- **Other information** on the Lower SE Rising Area Plan, including a plan summary: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/lower-se-rising>

Tell the Planning Commission what you think

Testify at the Planning Commission hearing

The hearing on October 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. will be a hybrid format with options to participate either in-person or virtually using a computer, mobile device, or telephone. You must sign up to testify in advance. To testify before the Commission in person or virtually:

- Use the QR code to the right to sign up on your mobile device; or
- Visit the project website at <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/lower-se-rising>



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing. **The deadline to sign up for the October 10 hearing is Monday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m.** Individuals have three minutes to testify, unless stated otherwise at the hearing.

Submit written testimony

We strongly encourage electronic written testimony. Written testimony must be received by the end of the hearing and must include your name and address.

Use the Map App

Go to: <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/lower-southeast-rising/#/map/>

Click on "Lower SE Rising Area Plan," then click the "Testify" button. Testifying in the Map App is as easy as sending an email.

U.S. Mail

Portland Planning Commission
Lower SE Rising Area Plan Testimony
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Portland, OR 97201

What happens next?

After the public hearing, the Planning Commission will consider all written and oral testimony on this proposal. The Planning Commission will then forward a recommendation to City Council for consideration and additional public review and comment. A City Council hearing date is yet to be determined.

Questions? Send an email to LowSEPlan@portlandoregon.gov