

Comprehensive Plan Update Project Summary

Overview

The Comprehensive Plan Update will be informed by and help to implement the Portland Plan, a strategic plan for a prosperous, healthy, educated, equitable city. The Comprehensive Plan will later be augmented and updated through future refinement planning.

- The Comprehensive Plan helps the city prepare for and manage expected population and employment growth, as well as plan for the major public investments to accommodate that growth.
- It provides direction for city decision-making that links land use, transportation, and other infrastructure services.
- It is a mechanism to ensuring that our investments in major city systems are strategic, and coordinated.

The work plan is governed by an order issued by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and development (DLCDC). The public involvement plan has been developed under the direction of the state-mandated and City Council-appointed Community Involvement Committee (CIC).

Timeline

The Comprehensive Plan Update will be accomplished in this sequence:

- 1) The **Background Reports**, which provide the facts and background on key issues, are scheduled to be adopted by City Council. Key documents include the Housing Report, Infrastructure Report, and Economic Opportunities Analysis. *Summer 2012*
- 2) The **Policy Concepts and Overall Framework**, will inform the work of the Policy Work Groups. A key deliverable during this phase is a **Scenarios Report**. *Spring/Summer 2012*
- 3) The **Discussion Draft** will provide policy recommendation and lay out choices (policies, maps, and list of capital projects) for the community. *Fall/Winter 2012/13*
 - *Policy Work Groups will refine policies*
 - *Area-specific outreach via the District Liaison program*
 - *Continued outreach work via the Diversity and Civic leadership Program*
- 4) The **Planning and Sustainability Commission** will review the plan and make a recommendation to City Council. There will be a **Proposed Draft**, and a **Recommended Draft**. *Summer 2013*
- 5) The **Adopted Plan** is published. *Fall 2013*

Community Involvement

The Comprehensive Plan Update will include an open and visible process through which the general public, neighborhoods, community and business groups, elected officials, and other interested parties can participate. The Community Involvement Committee (CIC), established during the Portland Plan, will continue to oversee the public involvement process. BPS District Liaisons will work with ONI and the Neighborhood Coalitions to carry out district-based events in the Fall of 2012 or early 2013, to discuss geographic implications of the draft plan, and evaluate draft plan maps. The project team will also continue building on relationships with non-geographic communities, such as the Diversity and Civic Leadership (DCL) organizations.

Policy Work Groups

In addition to geographic and non-geographic outreach, eight Policy Work Groups (PWGs), comprised of a mix of City bureau and partner agency staff and community stakeholders, will advise City staff on the development of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Starting up in May 2012, the following PWGs will address major themes from The Portland Plan and tasks identified in the Periodic Review Work Program:

1. The **Community Involvement** Policy Work Group will consist of members of the Portland Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC). This PWG will recommend community involvement policies for the Comprehensive Plan, incorporating best practices and the Public Involvement Principles developed by the PIAC and adopted by City Council in August 2010.
2. The **Education & Youth Success** Policy Work Group will consider will consider policies related to educational facilities: how they can accommodate projected growth, flexibly provide multiple functions and serve as intergenerational community anchors.
3. The **Economic Development** Policy Work Group will consider policies to foster business success, prosperity and employment land supply and vitality.
4. The **Residential Development & Compatibility** Policy Work Group will consider policies related to the design and compatibility of new residential development in areas outside of centers and corridors.
5. The **Neighborhood Centers** Policy Work Group will explore how neighborhood centers and corridors can accommodate new growth, provide necessary commercial and community services, and be designed to enhance the character of their local communities.
6. The **Infrastructure Equity** Policy Work Group will consider infrastructure policies and investment strategies to support equitable public service provision.
7. The **Networks** Policy Work Group will explore the role of public infrastructure networks – including active transportation, green infrastructure and stormwater management systems – in the City’s future growth and land use.
8. The **Watershed Health & Environment** Policy Work Group will consider policies related to water quality, habitat and biodiversity, hydrology, natural hazards, designing with nature and other key topics.