

Dear PSC:

I have read your proposed plan for Town Centers and Neighborhood Centers with great interest. This is a reasonable way to conceive of our City growing into its future. I am a resident of SE 42 Ave. just off Hawthorne, living in a single family home on a street of all single family homes. I am writing to suggest that I don't think Belmont/Hawthorne/Division should be a Town Center. These are not major corridors. Cesar Chavez is, definitely, but I think a better Town Center would be Powell, which is already a larger arterial and is planned to be a major transportation corridor in the future. Why not make Chavez to 50th on Powell the TownCenter? I think Belmont/Hawthorne from 20th up to 50th could be a neighborhood center and Division/Clinton between Chavez and 12th could be another neighborhood center.

I just don't see combining Belmont to Division as a viable plan. It's too big an area and has too many individually defining characteristics to throw it all together. Plus the transportation corridor is interrupted by Mt. Tabor and Powell is already a strong freight corridor intersecting with Foster at 50th. A Town Center around Powell would be more evenly distant from Lents and Hollywood, and also provide a closer Town Center for Sellwood, which is quite isolated now on your map...unless you are thinking of making Sellwood it's own Town Center. Right now it doesn't look like you are.

Thanks for the chance to share my ideas.

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