# **Proposed: SE Quadrant Plan**

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## Central City 2035 Planning Process





# SE Quadrant Plan Area





# **Central Eastside**

District Area: 588 acres Zoning

- IG1 Zone: 247 acres (65%)
- EX Zone: 85 acres (22%)
- IH/EG Zones: 40 acres (10%)
- Residential Zones: 5 acres (1%)

## Housing

- Existing: 1,086 units
- Proposed: 1,300 1,400 units
- Projected: 3,063 total by 2035

## Employment

- Jobs: Approximately 18,000
- Projected: 24,265 total by 2035

# Planning Context







# SE Quadrant Planning Process

# Meetings and Events

## Inner SE Station Areas Concept Plan

Time Frame:	5 Months
Working Group Meetings: Neighborhood Walks: Open Houses : Charrettes/Workshops:	3 2 1 1
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Time Frame:	17 Months
Advisory Group Meetings: Neighborhood Walks: Open Houses: Charrettes/Workshops: Commission Briefings Community/Stakeholder Meetings:	14 5 2 2 4 > 91



## **Project Goals**





## **Expand Employment Opportunities**

Increase the density of employment in the district by 9,000 jobs by the year 2035 through protecting established industrial sectors, expanding the diversity of industrial uses allowed in the Central Eastside, and maximizing the potential of mixed-use corridors and emerging station areas. Manage and monitor potential impacts of increased employment densities.

## **Protect Industrial Businesses from Incompatible Uses**

Manage conflicts between uses and impacts that could minimize the ability for district businesses to thrive.

## **Foster Safe and Vibrant Station Areas**

Support the creation of safe, attractive, and vibrant station areas with higher density development that includes new employment opportunities and uses that serve employees and visitors of the district.

## **Create a Regional Waterfront Destination**

Focus on creating a vibrant riverfront destination that includes improved habitat as well as attractors for people such as park, beaches, retail, river transportation, and visitor-serving amenities.

# **Big Strategies**

- Expand Employment Opportunities
- Attractive, Safe Station Areas
- Maximize Potential of Mixed-Use Corridors
- Regional Waterfront Destination
- Enhance Efficiency of Multi-Modal Transportation Network









## **Block Structure**

The 200' x 200' block structure of Portland's westside was established in 1866. This same block/grid pattern was adopted by the City of East Portland, incorporated in 1871.

At this time the Central Eastside was dominated by waterways including marsh lands, creeks, and sloughs. <u>Many</u> roads were built on trestles.



40,000 sq. ft. Blocks

Blocks greater than 40,000 sq. ft.





## **Early Industries**

Produce distribution and sales, lumber mills, ship building, and other water and rail dependent industries first established the Central Eastside as an industrial district.

At this time, industry was located primarily west of Union (now Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) and the rest of the district was a mix of housing, retail, commercial office, and some industrial businesses.







# Early Freight Movement in the Central Eastside

Industrial businesses in the Central Eastside first took hold due to the ability to move products on the Willamette River.

In 1869 the district was connected to the lower Willamette Valley by the East-Side Oregon Central Railroad.













## **Expanded Freight Operations**

Long-standing industries in district made shift from horse drawn delivery to truck once technologies became available (Franz / United States Bakery).

New freight operations were attracted to district once connections to new freeway network was established (Pacific Coast Fruit Company).





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## **New Freight Dependent Operations**

Increasingly, new freight dependent industries are locating closer to larger sites closer to the Port of Portland and ship, rail, and air facilities and infrastructure that can better support freight mobility than older inner-city historic industrial districts.











New Deal Distillery

**Viewpoint Construction Software** 

#### **Bog Shoes**

## **Emergence of New Industrial Sectors**

New small-scale manufacturing businesses and new industrial sectors are now attracted to the Central Eastside and many of the older multi-story industrial businesses that once housed single-freight dependent businesses engage in warehousing, distribution, and manufacturing.







## **Central Eastside Employment Distribution**

District employment remains dominated by businesses within an industrial classification; however, smaller scale manufacturing and knowledge based industrial businesses constitute a growing percentage of businesses in district.

Since the adoption of the Employment Opportunity Subarea over 1,000 new jobs were created in this area <u>during the recession (2006 – 2010)</u> most by sectors using industrial office space. During this period one pre-existing industrial service business left the area.

Recent analyses shows continued growth in the district between 2010 and 2013, when approximately

150 industrial,1,000 industrial office,270 traditional office,and 240 retail and foodservices jobs wereadded.



# **SEQ** Proposals

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# **Stakeholder Priorities**

**Expand Industrial Protections:** Protect the ability for industrial businesses to operate and make long-term investments.

Maintain Parking Supply and Management: Better manage the limited supply of on- and off-street parking.

**Enhance Freight Mobility:** Enhance the ability of freight to serve district businesses.

#### **Balance the Needs of Multi-Modal Transportation:**

Support the growth of multimodal transportation options for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and carpoolers.

#### Pursue the Innovation Quadrant:

Support the unique opportunity to expand industrial services in support of research and development being conducted at OHSU and PSU.

#### Activate the Mixed-Use Corridors:

Utilize the existing development potential along main street corridors already zoned for high-density.

#### Enhance the Livability of the District:

Support quality of life and positive health outcomes by increasing the variety of public amenities in the Central Eastside.



# **Priority:** Expand Industrial Protections

**Expand Industrial Protections:** Protect the ability for industrial businesses to operate and invest by ensuring that new residential and industrial office development does not have the ability to file actionable complaints regarding noise, fumes, light, hours of operation, truck traffic, or other aspects of industrial operations that are conducted in a lawful manner under city code.







## **Proposals:**

**Establish Industrial Disclosure Statement:** Statement signed and recorded by land owners and states that: 1) noise, fumes, truck loading, operating hours, and other characteristics of industrial operations are normal in the Central Eastside District, and: 2) complaints by tenants against industrial businesses operating in compliance with the law will not be pursued by the City of Portland.

**Update Design Guidelines and Development Standards:** There are a number of development standards and design guidelines applicable to mixed-use development in the EX zone that may create unintended conflicts with adjacent industrial operations in the IG1 zone. Where such conflicts exist amendments will be made to remove negative impacts on industrial operations.



# Priority: Maintain and Manage Parking Supply



**Maintain and Mange Parking Supply :** Better manage the limited supply of on- and off-street parking with a focus on supporting customer and employee parking demand, while encouraging residential development to provide its own parking or facilitate increased access to non-auto modes of transportation.

## **Proposals:**

Allow Shared Parking: Amend the Zoning Code to allow shared parking between businesses in the Central Eastside. Approximately 3,000 to 4,000 additional off-street parking spaces would be created district-wide.

Work with TPAC to Manage On-Street Parking: Continue to work with the CEIC Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) to improve management of onstreet parking supply and permitting program managed by the CEIC.





# **Priority:** Enhance Freight Mobility

**Enhance Freight Mobility:** Enhance the ability of freight to serve district businesses by providing prioritized routes and infrastructure that enhances truck circulation and loading operations, and minimizes conflicts with active transportation modes such as bicycles.





## Proposals:

**Convert Key East-West Streets:** Modify SE Stark, Washington, Yamhill, and Taylor Streets into one-way streets to improve turn movements for freight.

**Create New Signalization Intersections:** Add new signalized intersections at streets listed above to improve east-west access across MLK Blvd, Grand Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the SE 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 Streets Couplet.

**Relocate signalized left turn onto MLK Blvd.:** Remove existing signalized left turn from Se Clay onto MLK Blvd, and relocate to SE Mill Street. This will remove major conflict with east-west circulation along Clay Street and allow easier access from Mill Street.

Add Protect Left Turns from Powell Boulevard: Pursue development of new signalized left turns from eastbound SE Powell Blvd onto north bound SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and SE Milwaukie Ave.

## Analysis: Freight and Bike Counts



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**Balance the Needs of Multi-Modal Transportation:** Support the growth of multimodal transportation options (pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and carpoolers) through infrastructure that supports and encourages the use of these modes and reduces single-occupancy vehicle use. Provide safe and easily identifiable routes that accommodate local freight service but prioritize and promote active transportation options.



## Proposals:

Enhance East-West Active Transportation Routes: Enhance existing routes such as SE Ankeny and SE Clay Streets, and add infrastructure on SE Salmon, such as signals, signage, and other infrastructure that supports bicycle and pedestrian trips east-west through the district on easily identifiable routes.

**Pursue Green Loop Concept:** Continue analyzing potential routes and district/freight sensitive infrastructure that would allow the development of the Central Eastside segment of the Green Loop through the district.

**Wayfinding Tools:** Develop an implementation strategy for new wayfinding tools that direct bicyclists and pedestrians to routes developed to prevent conflicts with freight. Use similar tools to direct freight and automobile traffic through the district, to key attractions, and bridgeheads and freeways.

**Safe and Attractive Station Areas:** Develop the new Clinton and OMSI light rail station areas, and Portland Streetcar stops as safe, attractive and active locations that support and encourage regular transit ridership.

## **Proposals:** Reducing Conflicts Between Modes



# **Other Priorities:**





**Support the Innovation Quadrant:** Support the unique opportunity that exists to build off the growing momentum in South Waterfront associated with OHSU's and PSU's new partnerships and the potential embedded in the \$1 billion Knight Cancer Research Challenge.



Activate the Mixed-Use Corridors: Utilize the existing development potential along main street corridors already zoned for high-density, mixed-use development, such as East Burnside, SE Morrison, and SE Belmont. Emphasize MLK/Grand Corridor as the premier mixed-use spine of the Central Eastside.



**Enhance the Livability of the District:** Support quality of life and positive health outcomes by increasing the variety of public amenities in the Central Eastside that will enhance its livability for new and existing businesses, residents, and visitors.



**Create a Regional Waterfront Destination:** Focus on creating a vibrant riverfront destination that includes improved habitat as well as attractors for people such as parks, beaches, retail, river transportation, and visitor-serving amenities.

# Proposed: Mixed-Use Zoning



# Existing: Employment Opportunity Subarea



## Potential Concerns: EOS Expansion

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Too Much: Some stakeholders have expressed the following concerns regarding the proposed EOS amendments and expansion:

- Could impact limited parking supply
- Congestion impacts on freight
- Could affect affordability of space
- Proposes too much retail

Too Little: A number of other stakeholders are concerned EOS is not being applied district-wide, resulting in unequitable treatment and a missed opportunity for greater job creation.



## Potential Concerns: EOS Expansion

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#### New Jobs from Least to Most by Subarea

East of 6<sup>th</sup>: 1,700 jobs 12% Projected Growth Degree Change: Low

OMSI Station: 2,300 jobs 16% Projected Growth Degree Change: High

West of 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2,500 jobs 17% Projected Growth Degree Change: Low

Southern Triangle: 2,900 jobs 20% Projected Growth Degree Change: High

MLK/Grand: 5,000 jobs 35% Projected Growth Degree Change: High



## Potential Concerns: OMSI District Plan

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## 2014 OMSI District Plan:

Plan proposed new waterfront district that included properties owned by OMSI, PCC, Portland Spirit, Portland Opera, and others, and included concept for:

- Housing 900 Units (300 on OMSI property)
- Hotel 183,200 sq. ft. (200 rooms)
- **Retail** 62,900 sq. ft.
- Office 911,800 sq. ft. (3,100 jobs)
- Craft Industrial 362,100 sq. ft. (600 jobs)
- Structured Parking 999,600 sq. ft. / 2,956 spaces
- Museum 66,200 sq. ft.





# Potential Concerns: OMSI District Plan

# **OMSI Station:** Employment Transit Oriented Development



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Rezone to Central Employment (EX); prohibit housing.

New zoning pattern would allow following uses, at high densities, by right:

- Commercial Office
- Industrial Office
- Retail
- Museums and Visitor Attractions
- Industrial Uses
- Institutional Development
- Commercial Outdoor Recreation

#### Master Plan Requirement

Require large parcels to develop master plan for site that considers:

- Pedestrian / Transit Oriented Development
- Public Realm Activation and Circulation
- Diversity of Uses
- Urban Form: Station Area and Waterfront Activation
- Transportation and Parking Demand Management
- Transitions with Adjacent Industrial Development
- Parks and Open Space Features



## Destination Waterfront District: Granville Island











# **Next Steps**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Briefing Planning & Sustainability Commission

April 28<sup>th</sup>: Public Review Draft Released

May 26<sup>th</sup>: Public Hearing at Planning and Sustainability Commission

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Work Session at Planning and Sustainability Commission

**July 1<sup>st</sup>:** Tentative Hearing at Portland City Council

