

Central City 2035:

Public Safety Framework

Draft Goal:

Provide a safe and hospitable physical environment throughout the Central City supported by an effective law enforcement and emergency response network.

Draft Strategy:

Law enforcement and emergency service resources will reflect the increasing population of the area and be maximized through coordination between public agencies and private interests. Investments will be made to create a resilient physical infrastructure and educate the Central City population to increase their self reliance.

Draft Objectives:

- **Crime Prevention:** Provide a robust public law enforcement presence throughout the Central City augmented through collaboration with private security providers. Reduce the sources of conflict and nuisance crime through appropriate zoning and environmental design techniques.
- **Fire and Emergency Rescue:** Maintain fire and emergency response capability as density and congestion increase in the Central City. Emphasize fire/injury prevention through best practices and enforcement of modern fire codes. Encourage retrofitting existing (older) structures to modern fire/life safety and seismic standards.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Engage and educate the public about what to expect and what to do in case of a wide spread emergency. Continue to retrofit existing critical infrastructure to provide the greatest city operational resiliency. Retrofit private unreinforced masonry structures (URMs).
- **Transportation Safety:** Reduce the sources of conflict by reducing motor vehicle speeds and providing protected routes for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Equity Statement:

The CC2035 plan effort will include participation of all communities, residents and businesses in planning and decision making processes seeking to improve public safety within the Central City so that they may obtain maximum benefits from these efforts while identifying and avoiding adverse impacts such policies may create.

Potential Actions:

- Review and incorporate as appropriate current CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principals into zoning code and design review requirements.
- Amend zoning and noise regulations to better buffer residential neighborhoods from negative effects of commercial activities.
- Advocate for seismic upgrades to existing bridges (and ramps) across the Willamette River.
- Provide requirements and incentives to retrofit existing public and private structures to modern seismic and fire & life safety standards.
- Identify and acquire location(s) for new police and fire facilities needed within the Central City of Portland.
- Create "low stress" transportation corridors through such programs as safe routes to schools and safe routes for seniors applicable in the Central City.
- Preserve and enhance emergency response routes.
- Provide green space throughout the Central City to serve as emergency response staging areas or medical care points in the event of a significant emergency.
- Continue public education campaigns regarding preparation for and response to major emergencies.