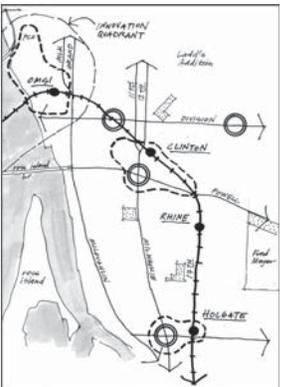


Corridors and Connections

The draft Comprehensive Plan proposes to enhance a variety of key connections – civic corridors, high-capacity transit, and greenways – as distinctive organizing elements in the design and structure of the city and its neighborhoods. Civic corridors and high-capacity transit corridors will also have an important role in accommodating housing and employment growth, while the role of greenways is to provide quieter pedestrian and bicycle connections as part of a strategy to cultivate Portland as a healthy, connected city.

Civic Corridors

Civic corridors are some of Portland’s widest streets and major transit corridors (such as Sandy, Barbur, and Foster) that connect centers to each other and to the Central City. Besides their key transportation functions, which typically include major traffic and freight roles as well as transit, civic corridors are intended to include places with transit-supportive densities of housing, commercial, or employment uses. Civic corridors policies are intended to support transformation of Portland’s most important streets into premier streets that are enjoyable places to live, work and gather; serve as safe mobility corridors for all types of transportation and pedestrians; and that incorporate ecological function into their design.



Transit Station Areas

The draft policies encourage transit-oriented development patterns, concentrations of housing and jobs, and multi-modal connections focused around light rail and other high-capacity transit stations. The policies support a range of different development approaches in transit station areas. To maximize the opportunities high-capacity transit provides, some transit station areas will be prioritized for housing growth, while others will be a focus for employment, or will provide access to key community destinations.

Greenways

The draft policies would create a citywide network of greenways providing distinctive and attractive pedestrian- and bike-friendly green streets and trails that link centers, parks, schools, rivers, natural areas, and other key community destinations. This greenway system would include regional trails through natural areas and along Portland’s rivers, connected to green streets and other enhanced streets providing distinctive connections to and through the city’s neighborhoods. The forms greenways will take will vary, from repurposed street connections and linear parkways in inner neighborhoods, to urban trails in Southwest, to new greenway connections in eastern neighborhoods that have lacked safe pedestrian and bicycle access.

