

Brooklyn Station Areas Project

Planning the future of the new light rail station areas at Rhine and Holgate

The Brooklyn Station Areas Project is providing detailed planning for the Rhine and Holgate station areas on the new Portland-Milwaukie light rail line, building on the work completed through the Inner SE Station Areas process.

Typically, station area planning focuses on enhancing opportunities for housing and retail near light rail stations, an approach that may not be appropriate in Brooklyn because of the nearby industrial and employment development.

Instead, this process seeks to create a new model that increases jobs near the light rail stations to encourage investment in the area and boost transit ridership, while also complementing adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Background

Preliminary draft concepts for land use, urban design and transportation strategies for the Rhine and Holgate station areas were developed through the Inner SE Station Areas project over the summer of 2013. This earlier project laid the groundwork for four close-in station areas, including Rhine/Holgate (continuing in this project) and OMSI/Clinton (wrapped into the SE Quadrant of the Central City 2035 Plan).

Concepts for the Rhine and Holgate station areas:

- Extend commercial zoning along Milwaukie Ave, south of Center St., to encourage neighborhood-serving main street redevelopment.
- Create better connections to area schools, light rail stations, the river, and across arterials and barriers, such as Powell, Holgate, McLoughlin and the Brooklyn Rail Yard.
- Focus redevelopment at the edges of the residential neighborhood.
- Intensify development on employment and industrial lands to increase jobs, while respecting transitions to residential neighborhoods.



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In this process, the community is refining concepts that emerged from the Inner SE Station Areas project and making choices about potential zoning and land use changes in the area, such as identifying the right mix of uses and scale of development south of Holgate between Milwaukie and 17th Street.

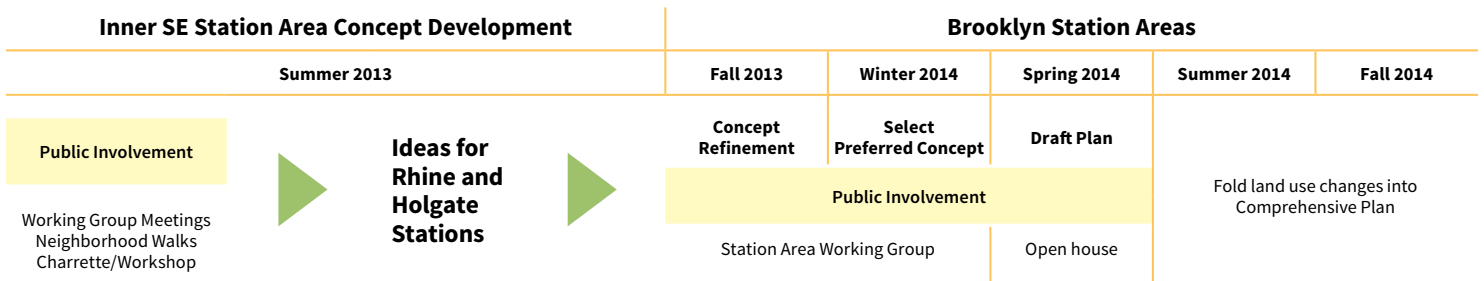
Brooklyn Station Areas Project outcomes will include:

- Station area urban design framework.
- Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations, if applicable.
- Prioritized list of transportation infrastructure improvements.
- Other actions needed to implement the vision for the Rhine and Holgate stations.

The process is led by the Brooklyn Station Areas Working Group, an open-membership group of representatives from area businesses, neighborhood associations, employees, homeowners, tenants and other interested parties. Anyone is welcome to attend Working Group meetings and participate. Check the project website for upcoming Working Group meetings and other public event dates.



PROJECT TIMELINE



Ideas for OMSI and Clinton Stations are being refined through the SE Quadrant Plan.

For more information

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