

# Reader's Guide

The Comprehensive Plan guides the location of population and job growth as well as public investments in infrastructure, such as streets, sidewalks, parks and stormwater systems, over the next 20 years. It is one of multiple tools that implement the Portland Plan, the City of Portland's strategic roadmap. The Comprehensive Plan sets guidelines for community involvement and influences private development and public facilities — all to ensure Portland is on a path to becoming a more prosperous, healthy, educated, equitable and resilient city.

The Citywide Systems Plan (CSP), a support document to the Comprehensive Plan, guides infrastructure investments to meet the needs of current and future Portlanders.

## Purpose of the Citywide Systems Plan

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The Citywide Systems Plan is a 20-year (2013-2033), coordinated municipal infrastructure plan for areas within the City of Portland's urban service boundary. Portland's municipal infrastructure assets are physical systems that provide services and are maintained by the City. These include transportation networks; water storage and distribution; sewer and stormwater collection and treatment facilities; parks and recreation facilities; other facilities such as City Hall, office buildings, and fire and police stations; and technology assets.

The State of Oregon's Growth Management Act requires cities and counties to develop and implement public facilities plans. At a minimum, the public facilities plan (PFP) must describe transportation, water, and sewer facilities needed to support the land uses designated in the acknowledged Comprehensive Plan. Portions of the Citywide Systems Plan will serve as the City's State-mandated public facilities plan.

The Citywide Systems Plan includes inventory, condition, and future project information for City transportation, water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater systems, as required by Oregon Planning Goal 11: Public Facilities and Oregon Revised Statute 197. To provide a more complete picture of the City's infrastructure, the Plan also includes similar information for parks, recreation, and other facilities and systems provided by the City of Portland. Reporting on these facilities and systems is not required by State statutes.

## Plan Overview

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The Citywide Systems Plan includes the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1. Infrastructure Planning and Coordination** provides an overview of the regional and local planning context for the Citywide Systems Plan and the process for developing the Plan.
- **Chapter 2. Asset Management** describes the City's asset management approach and details key trends and needs.
- **Chapter 3. Guiding Principles** discusses how the Plan relates to and supports the Comprehensive Plan's integrated Guiding Principles.

- **Chapter 4. Summary of Infrastructure and Service Delivery** provides an overview of the City's infrastructure systems and the investment strategy outlined in the Plan.
- **Chapter 5. Goals and Policies** includes goals and policies from the Public Facilities and Services and Transportation chapters of the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies.
- **Chapters 6 through Chapter 10** include more detailed inventories of existing systems, discussions of infrastructure needs, and investment strategies for the City's major infrastructure systems – sewer and stormwater, water, transportation, parks and recreation, and other essential facilities and services (e.g. public safety and technology).

## Process

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The Citywide Systems Plan (CSP) was developed by the Citywide Systems Team, a cross-bureau group with representatives from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Bureau of Transportation, Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Water Bureau, Portland Parks & Recreation, and Office of Management and Finance. The document draws from other plans and projects, including the Portland Plan, other components of the Comprehensive Plan Update, community and agency input, and a wide variety of bureau and agency plans.

The Citywide Systems Plan reflects community conversations that occurred as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update, including Policy Expert Group discussions, public workshops and comments from individuals, associations, businesses, and agencies. A Working Draft of the CSP was available for public review and comment from October through December 2013 – prior to the formal legislative review process.