

# Community Involvement Program

## EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

### Project Overview

This project includes four components to implement Chapter 2, *Community Involvement*, of the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:

- List of and potentially minor changes to **legislative process requirements** for land use and transportation decisions (required public notification, etc). Requirements are currently included in City Code (Titles 3 and 33).
- A new **Community Engagement Manual** (*Comprehensive Plan Policy 2.17*) that will provide guidance to City staff on how to put Chapter 2 policies into practice. The Manual will cover community engagement expectations for legislative land use and transportation projects.
- A proposed charge and scope for a new **Community Involvement Committee** (*Comprehensive Plan Policy 2.19*). This new advisory body will provide oversight for community involvement that falls under the umbrella of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Recommendations for **programmatic commitments** by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to carry out effective, inclusive and meaningful engagement practices for legislative land use and transportation processes.

### Why is this important?

- Collaborative partnerships and inclusive community participation in land use and transportation decision making are essential to creating and sustaining a prosperous, healthy, equitable and resilient Portland. Plans and investments are more durable, equitable and accountable when a wide and diverse range of Portlanders are involved.
- This project is the first step toward putting into action the goals and policies of Chapter 2 of the Recommended Draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The project addresses the immediate logistical needs that will bring the City into alignment with those goals and policies. Full realization of the goals and policies will be an incremental, long-term process, but getting started requires some changes right away to assess current practice and develop new tools.

### Timeline (*tentative*)

- February, 2016 – Discussion Draft
- April, 2016 - Proposed Draft
- June 14, 2016 - Planning and Sustainability Commission Hearing

### Questions?

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