

# Community Involvement Program

EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – AUGUST 2016



## Project Overview

Policy 2.16 of the new 2035 Comprehensive Plan directs the City to "Maintain a Community Involvement Program that supports community involvement as an integral and meaningful part of the planning and investment decision-making process." Policies 2.17 through 2.22 direct the City to:

- Create, maintain and actively implement a community engagement manual.
- Utilize best practices in engagement.
- Establish a Community Involvement Committee and maintain other review bodies to provide opportunities for involvement.
- Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of community involvement practices and advocate for continuous improvement.
- Share methods, tools and technologies.

The new Community Involvement Program will serve as a framework to apply these policies to legislative land use and transportation projects initiated by the City of Portland. The program is not intended to be the final word on how community involvement activities will be performed for the next 20 years. Instead, this project provides structure and guidance for staff and community members to continuously learn, adapt and refine practices for meaningful, inclusive involvement.

## Why is this important?

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's experience is that inclusive community participation improves land use and transportation decision-making. It makes plans and investments more durable, equitable and accountable.

This project implements policies in Chapter 2, Community Involvement, of the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies. It also meets Oregon Statewide Land Use Goal #1, which requires municipalities to "develop a citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process."

## Early Implementation Package

The Community Involvement Program is one of eight projects that implement Portland's 2035 Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the Portland City Council on June 15, 2016. The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission voted on August 23, 2016, to approve and consolidate these projects into an Early Implementation Package, which is now moving forward to City Council for consideration. The Comprehensive Plan Early Implementation Package includes:

- Zoning Code and Zoning Map changes.
- A new Community Involvement Program.
- Transportation System Plan – Stage 2.

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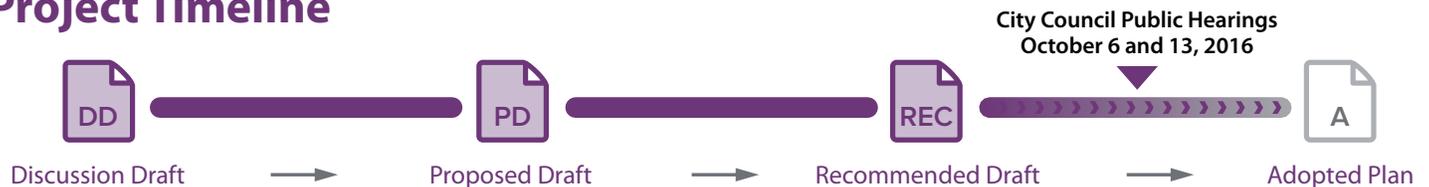
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## Project Timeline



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