

SW Planning Projects Update – 11/7/17

SW Equitable Development Strategy

- **The SWEDS Project Oversight Committee had its 2nd meeting on Sept. 26th.** The agenda focused on a discussion of SW Corridor Equitable Development principles and a review of draft household profiles. Following the meeting, staff have been working to draft guiding principles for discussion at the next Oversight Committee meeting on November 27th. **The SWEDS team would like to request EHAG feedback on draft guiding principles and draft household profiles in advance of the 27th; we will send a follow-up email with this request.**
- **The SWEDS Business and Workforce Advisory Group had its first meeting on Monday, October 23rd.** The agenda including an overview of project goals and tasks, a discussion of guiding principles, and a discussion of how committee members' work intersects with SW Corridor. Partners on the committee include Craft3, Prosper Portland, and Work Systems, Inc.
- **On Sept. 13, Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) discussed opportunities for regional coordination around affordable housing funding and investment, following a Sept. 7 Metro Council discussion on this topic.** Follow-up discussions on this topic are anticipated in coming months; we will be sure to keep the EHAG updated as these conversations are scheduled.

Tigard Southwest Corridor Affordable Housing Predevelopment Project (Equitable Housing grant)

- **Outreach:** Unite Oregon held Renter's Rights Workshop in Tigard and did canvassing
- **Urban Lofts Development Project**
 - Implementation Strategies Report presented to urban renewal advisory commission and City Council
 - Mayor sent a letter to TriMet requesting that they commit to land bank any remnant property purchased for SW Corridor for affordable housing
- **Supporting Affordable Housing**
 - Urban Renewal Board committed up to \$200K in TIF to support Community Partner for Affordable Housing Project in Tigard Triangle

Portland/Tigard Equitable Housing Strategy (Equitable Housing grant)

- **Community Engagement**
 - On October 14, over 100 SW Corridor residents participated in a community listening and learning session on affordable housing needs and solutions

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- Community Alliance of Tenants held Renter’s Rights Workshops and did canvassing
 - BPS and PHB staff met with Neighborhood House’s program managers to learn about challenges faced by low-income homeowners.
 - **Research**
 - PSU released a study commissioned as part of the SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy. The report titled “Preserving Housing Choice and Opportunity”, focused on “naturally occurring affordable housing” in the region and specifically in the corridor. The report also research different localities policy responses to preserving this type of housing.
 - EcoNW, Enterprise Community Partners, and EnviroIssues began their research into some of the big ideas generated and vetted through the advisory group process. Draft research products will be shared with the advisory group at our January meeting.
 - **Draft Strategies:** Staff developed a draft proposal for sequencing different strategies under consideration for inclusion in the SW Equitable Housing Strategy. **Staff wants feedback on this proposed sequencing and will send a follow up survey to advisory group members in November.**