The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is developing a comprehensive Citywide Parking Strategy starting Fall 2014 and into the end of 2015. To achieve that, several parking related efforts are being coordinated under the policy umbrella of the City’s Transportation System Plan, currently underway.

Background
The management of parking is an issue of growing importance throughout the City as growth and development increases the demand for existing on-street parking. New development also leads to the need for better transportation amenities and a more complete system that better accommodates walking, cycling and riding transit. The result is a competing need for limited right-of-way space.

The City’s existing parking policies and management efforts have largely been focused on the Central City. These policies and practices were last revised in the mid 1990’s and needs updating. In addition, a set of clear and flexible parking policies and tools also are needed for areas outside the Central City.

Key Outcomes
- More effective use of parking and better management of curbside space
- Support growth management, livability, and economic development goals
- Support the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan, including encouraging walking, cycling, transit and carpool trips over drive-alone trips
- Reevaluation of the value of the right-of-way

Process
Parking policy is a complex issue that requires both a citywide perspective as well as more localized approaches. To meet these outcomes, the project team will rely on the TSP Technical Expert Group (TEG) as a sounding board to develop project objectives and directives (“Parking Fundamental Principles”) that will guide the citywide strategy.

In addition, two subcommittees will guide the process, in addition to the TSP TEG: One for the Central City and one for Centers and Corridors. At key points along the process, work from these two committees will be shared with the larger TSP TEG and the public.

Comments & Questions?
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