

Hosford-Abernethy and Brooklyn Neighborhoods Station Areas Discussion Group
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Discussion notes

At the first meeting, discussion group attendees reflected on their goals, interests and concerns about how station area planning, the light rail project and potential redevelopment could impact the areas around the stations. Comments are listed below:

- Ensure that needs of small businesses are met. Keep jobs in Portland.
- Encourage business to stay close-in, enhance their opportunities and keep businesses in Portland.
- Promote the compatibility of the industrial area with the residential neighborhood.
- Pedestrian connectivity should be a key component of planning efforts.
- Examine what has worked with other projects.
- Limit business displacement – don't separate businesses from customers.
- Concern expressed that development around the stations may focus solely on residential.
- Preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods.
- The project should improve, not worsen, pedestrian connectivity.
- Concern expressed that the 8th Avenue intersection/grade crossing and well as other grade crossings will be too cumbersome for pedestrians.
- Recognize the long-term investments which residents and businesses have made in the area.
- Redevelopment should be sensitive to the last 20 years of improvements which have occurred in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Consider the potential impact of increased automobile traffic in neighborhoods.
- It's time to talk about how the community responds to light rail, rather than just how light rail responds to the community.
- Agency representatives can assist neighbors and business owners with getting the information they need and desire.
- Ensure that businesses can coexist with the light rail project, considering issues such as increased pedestrian traffic and street closures.
- Agency representatives are interested in listening to the discussions and helping participants.
- The OMSI station area should be vibrant and active.
- Station area planning should contribute to the vitality of the areas.
- Protect existing businesses so that they can prosper.
- The OMSI station area is suitable for employment growth.
- Maintain a diversity of businesses in the areas surrounding the stations.
- Concern expressed that the Central Eastside Industrial Area could change drastically in ways which wouldn't benefit existing businesses.
- Preservation of "historic" homes is important.
- Ensure that bicycle and pedestrian connectivity is improved, not worsened.

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- Consider bicycle and pedestrian connectivity throughout the planning process.
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle crossings of SE Powell Boulevard.
- The safety of the light rail stations and surrounding areas should be evaluated using principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.
- Pedestrian safety is a key concern in the area.
- Improving connectivity between the Hosford-Abernethy and Brooklyn neighborhoods is important.
- New development should “fit in” to the existing neighborhood fabric. Concern expressed that the area could become another Pearl District.
- Maintain the character of the existing neighborhoods, don’t create a “sterile” environment.
- Continue the process of learning from previous light rail projects.
- Consider and evaluate the interface between jobs and history to preserve what is important.
- Leverage multiple opportunities when possible.
- Create a process that works for all participants, capturing all good ideas.
- Plan corridor in a way that doesn’t isolate the stations and light rail alignment but incorporates both into the neighborhoods.
- Freight mobility is an important consideration in this area.