SOUTH LOGAN TOD PLAN

Preferred Alternative Workshop #2 Plan Commission | July 12, 2023

Webpage: my.spokanecity.org/southlogantod

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South Logan TOD Project



Overview

The South Logan Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Project will support more connectivity and livability in the South Logan area for the community, businesses, and organizations in the Logan Neighborhood. The recently built STA City Line bus rapid transit route through this area presents an opportunity to create a focused community vision and policies that encourage mixed-use, walkable places close to transit. The project will focus around three City Line stations: McCarthey Athletic Center Station, Desmet Station, and Columbus Station. The outcome will be a plan and policies, based on community vision, that provide a coordinated framework and development approach for the South Logan area. The project is also part of the City's ongoing efforts to enhance housing options, affordability, and mixed-use development in areas with good access to daily needs, services, and jobs.

Project Updates

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Related Links

Blogs

- Help Shape the Future of the South Logan Area
 05/09/2023
- SEPA Register: Draft South Logan TOD Plan and the Draft Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) - 05/17/2023
- Development of Alternatives for the South Logan TOD Project - 03/10/2023
- Addressing Displacement in South Logan -01/04/2023

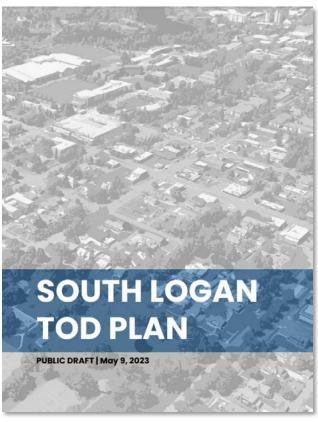




Draft Subarea Plan and DEIS

- Released for notification and public comment on May 9 – June 8, 2023
- Hosted public workshop on May 18,
 2023 at Gonzaga University public engagement summary online





May 9, 2023

Prepared By:
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City of Spokane



SEPA: Public Comment Received

Workshop feedback part of public comment

- 16 written comment letters received
 - 5 agency comments
 - 3 organizational/institutional comments
 - 8 individual comments

• Each letter may address more than one comment





SEPA: Public Comment Themes

- Support transit-oriented development and livability enhancements to South Logan area
- Support bicycle and pedestrian improvements, connectivity improvements
- Support various levels of increased density and growth, zoning changes, mixed-use development
- Support enhanced connection to the Spokane River



SEPA: Public Comment Themes

- Consider design/developments standards to ensure quality and pedestrian-oriented development
- Expand on impacts related to transportation, traffic, and parks to ensure mitigation is identified
- Expand on housing affordability and anti-displacement strategies, existing/naturally occurring affordable housing



SEPA: Public Comment Themes

- Concerns on population growth and increased density
- Concerns on impacts to public infrastructure and utilities with growth and development
- Concerns on impacts to traffic and parking
- Concerns about lack of focus on historic preservation and strategies to prioritize historic resources
- Concerns on use of public funding for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure
- Concerns on maintaining housing affordability with redevelopment



SEPA: Response to Comments

- Consider all timely and substantive comments received during the public comment period
- Respond to substantive comments in writing and publish responses in an appendix in the final EIS.
- Considerations:
 - Explain how the alternatives, including the proposed action, were modified;
 - Explain how the analysis was supplemented, improved, or modified;
 - Make factual corrections; or
 - Explain why the comment does not warrant further response.



Development of Preferred Alternative

Plan Values

- Enhance connectivity, accessibility & mobility in South Logan & to Spokane river
- Support universities & health sciences sectors, innovation & sustainability
- Support job access, diverse industries & employment
- Expand housing options & affordability for residents of all incomes & ages
- Minimize residential & local business displacement
- Build on South Logan's diverse urban context & history with integrity























Drawn from Comp Plan, TOD Framework Plan Policies, and preliminary engagement findings from this effort



Development of Preferred Alternative

Draft Alternatives

Public comments received are currently being reviewed for consideration in the development of the preferred alternative.

Subarea
Plan Goals
and Values

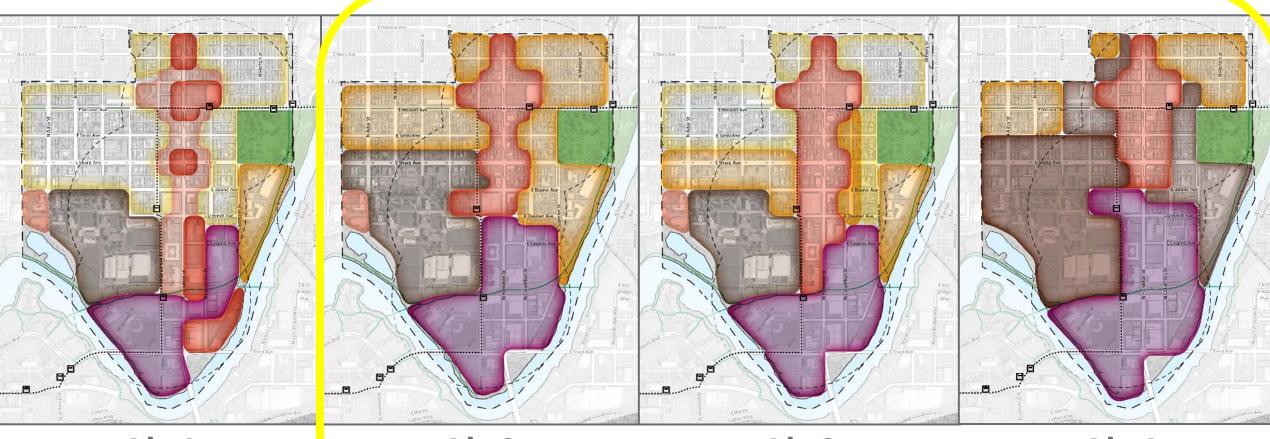
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Preferred Alternative



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Alt 1
No Action

Alt 2
Hamilton Crossing

Alt 3
Southeast Riverfront

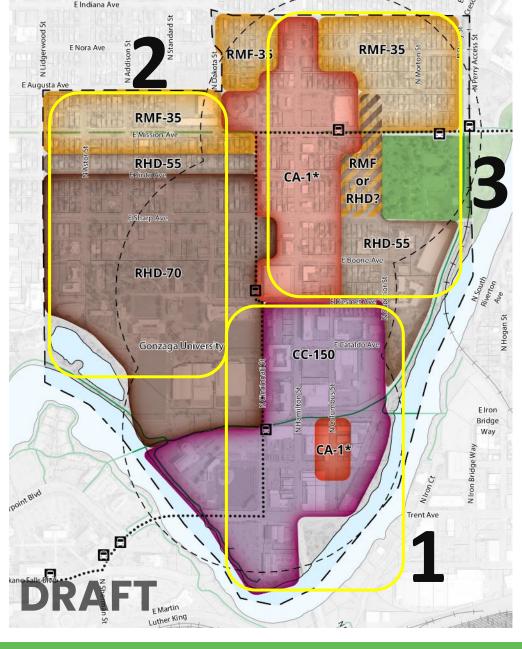
Alt 4TOD Emphasis



First Draft Preferred Alternative

Legend

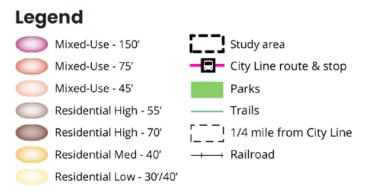
Study area Mixed-Use - 150' City Line route & stop Mixed-Use - 75' Mixed-Use - 45' Parks Trails Residential High - 55' 1/4 mile from City Line Residential High - 70' Residential Med - 40' → Railroad Residential Low - 30'/40'

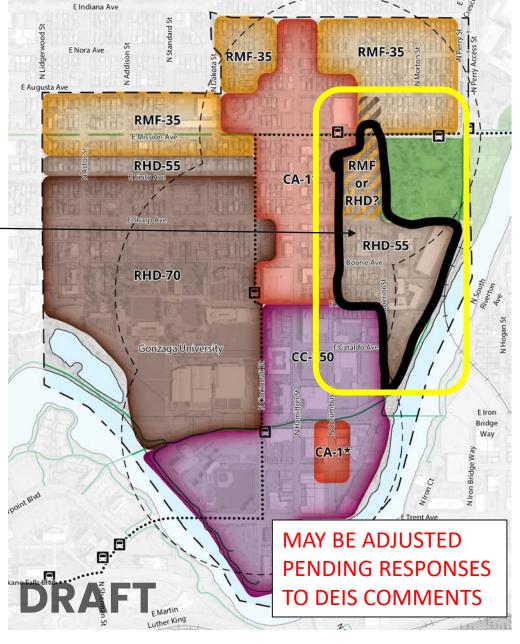




Plan Commission Comments

- Discussed increasing to RHD with more intensive development around
 Columbus/Mission Station and Mission Park
 - RHD-70' height (over 55') in same area plus larger area south of Sharp
- Discussed the continuation and adjustment/ expansion of the form-based code





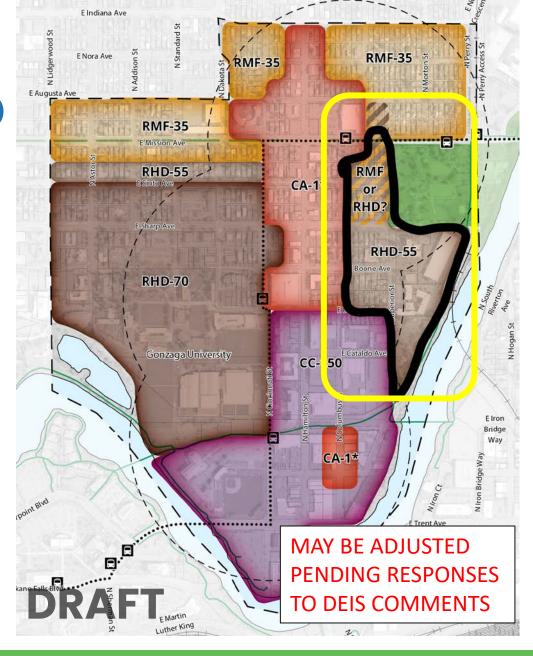


June 22: Preferred Alt Community Workshop

- Generally supportive with prioritization of design standards
 - May need higher to achieve four-story podium style development, particularly for Gonzaga
- Concerns around parking, public safety
- Community benefits not just for developers
- Focus on pedestrian infrastructure to stations to enhance transit use
- Support for incentive approach for affordability

Full recording from June 22 Workshop available on the website: my.spokanecity.org/southlogantod

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SMC 17C.123.010

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Approach Considerations

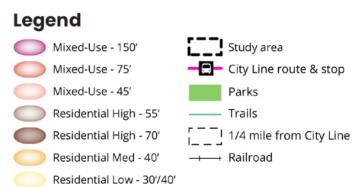
- Consolidate Context Areas from 4 to 1 to simplify approach
- Consistent heights plus other strategic adjustments
- Focuses on pedestrian-oriented activity and control the streetscape
- Drive-Through Facilities are prohibited in the FBC
- Need design standard implementation
- CC zoning study underway

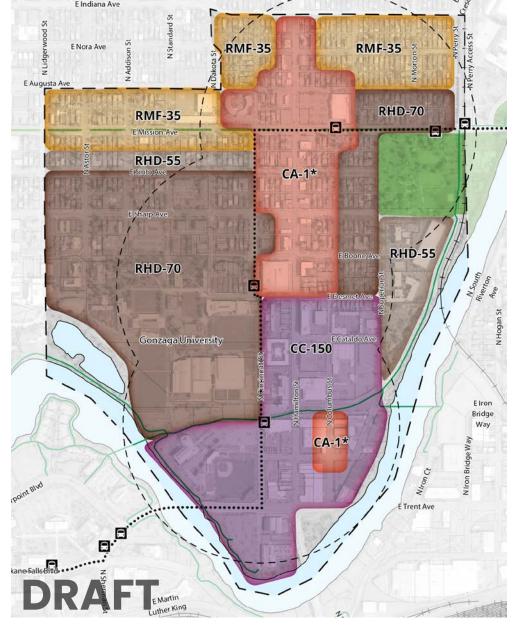


Second Draft Preferred Alternative

Zoning Concept

We'll walk through each area – starting with the southeast area



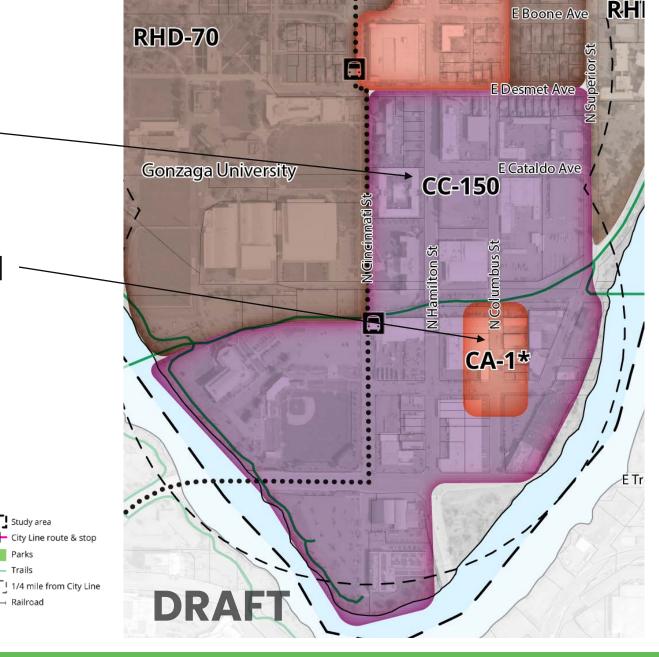




Southeast

Integrate GC into consolidated CC zone and expand, using the 150' height limit

Integrate a small area of form-based code around the Columbus/ Springfield intersection





Study area

City Line route & stop

Legend

Mixed-Use - 150'

Campus & Neighborhood

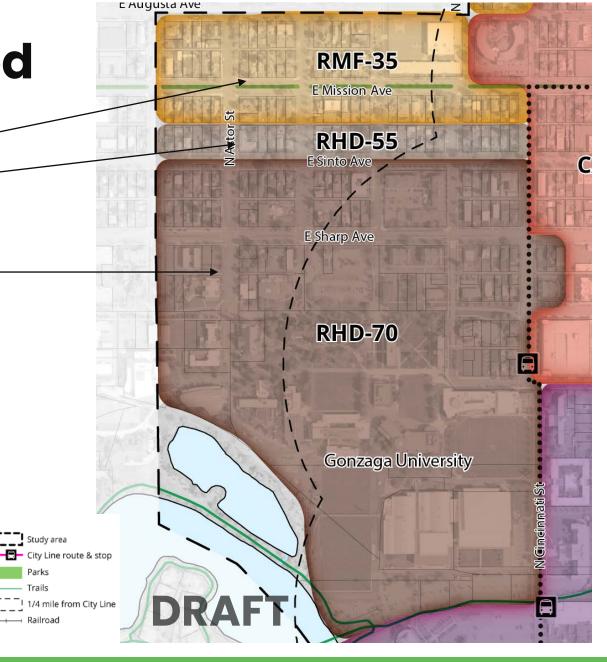
Mission Ave Historic District = RMF-35

RHD-55 transition

Gonzaga & environs = RHD-70

Integrate the height, capacity, and housing type increases from the 1-year interim ordinance

 Heights could adjust based on final code changes as adopted.





Legend

Hamilton & Northeast

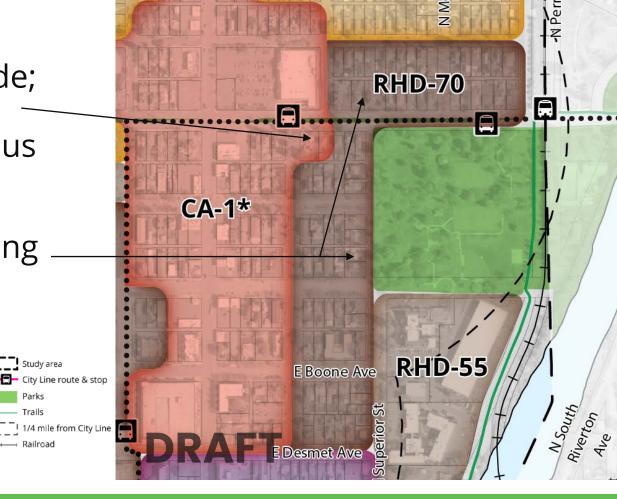
RMF-35 for most residential areas north of Mission

Limited expansion of form-based code; Consolidate "context areas" for the purpose of consistent heights (75') plus other strategic adjustments

RHD-70 around Mission Park and along Mission Ave

Legend

Mixed-Use - 150



RMF-35

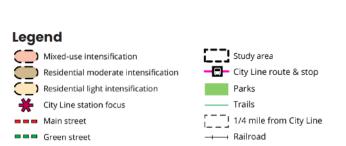


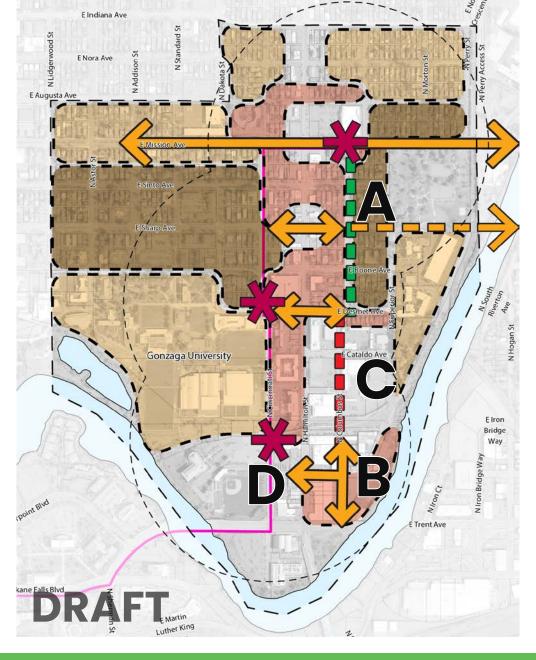
Study area

-35

Priority Investments

- A. Prioritize Sharp Ave-Hamilton St intersection with walking & streetscape improvements
- B. People oriented/main street node at Springfield & Columbus
- C. Activate Columbus St between Desmet Ave and Trent Ave with ped-oriented uses and design form
- D. Add a traffic signal at Springfield Ave & Hamilton St intersection to enhance east-west connectivity.

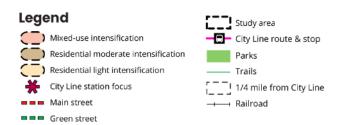


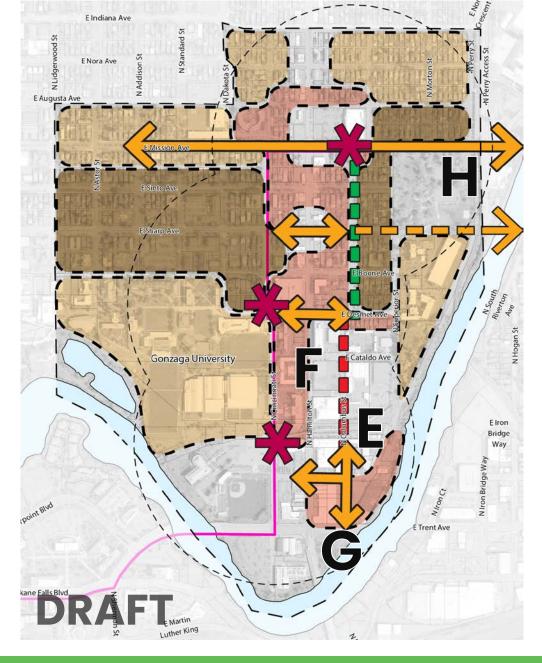




Priority Policies

- E. Pursue public/private partnerships to deliver neighborhood amenities, shared assets like structured parking, and catalyzing development
- F. Explore short- & long-term traffic calming opportunities along Hamilton St.
- G. Maximize riverfront connections, open space improvements, and access
- H. Study options for improved east-west bicycle and walking connections across and through north end of neighborhood
- I. Update citywide design standards related to residential and mixed-use development



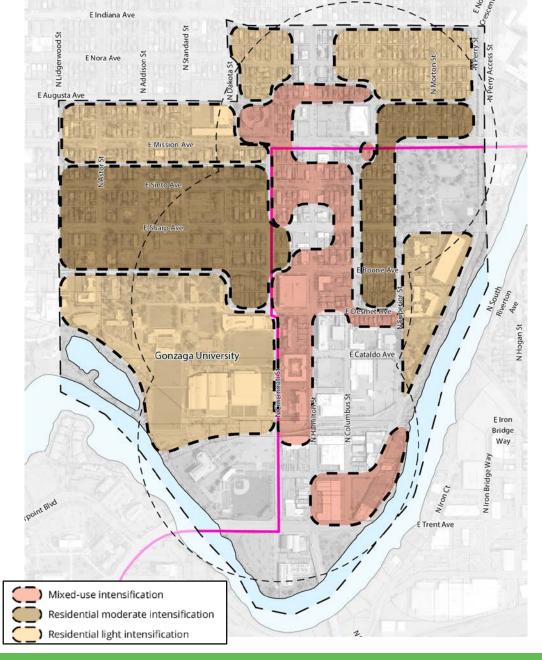




Upzones: Affordability Incentive?

- Recent City Council discussions on anti-displacement and affordability strategies
- Highlighted areas would have a significant "upzone" (increased development capacity)
- Three basic regulatory approaches:
 - 1. Allow increases by-right
 - 2. Take incentives approach
 - 3. Mandatory approach

Antidisplacement and Affordability Inclusion





New Housing Development Incentives:

	Proportion of Market Rate and Affordable Units			
Qualifying	100% Market	25-30%	50% Affordable	100%
Incentives	Rate Units	Affordable Units	Units	Affordable
				Units
Parking	X	X	X	X
Reduction ¹				
Density Bonus ²	X	X	X	X
GFC Fee	X	X	X	X
Waiver ³				
MFTE		X	X	X
Parking to			X	X
People ⁴				
HUD/Federal				X
Incentives ⁵				

The table shows **citywide development incentives**for housing that are
applicable in South Logan.

Affordable housing incentives require units to be affordable to those earning up to 115% AMI.

⁵ Much stricter affordability requirements. Usually closer to 60% AMI and lower



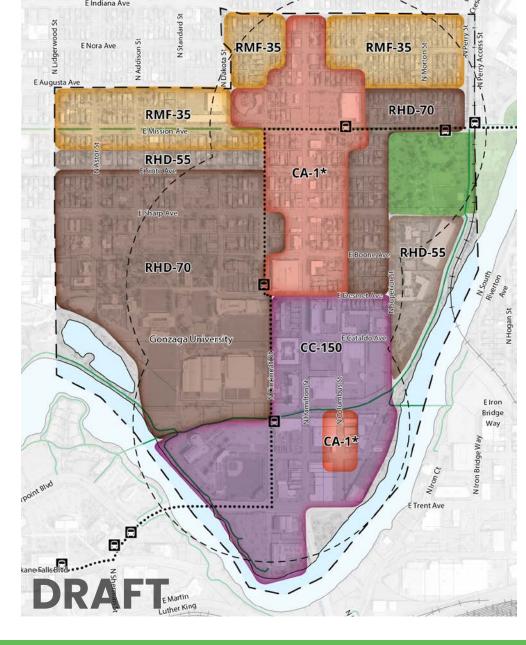
¹ Dependent on plan integration or city council interim ordinance

² Through BOCA change in centers and corridor for housing or proposal for affordable housing

³ Any development in the PDAs (most of the study area) or if also qualifying for MFTE, Parking to People, or a non-profit providing affordable housing

⁴ If developing a parking lot that was open to the public

Second Draft Preferred Alternative





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Mixed-Use - 75'

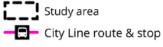
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Parks

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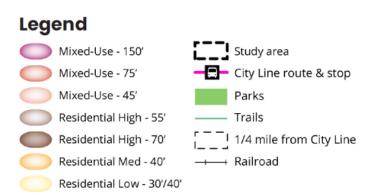
1/4 mile from City Line

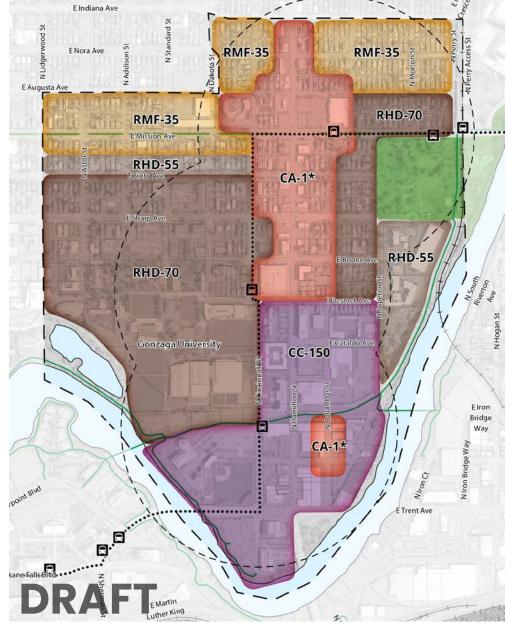
→ Railroad



Motion to advance to hearing

Staff requests direction from the Plan Commission to bring the preferred alternative to public hearing for discussion and consideration.







Next Steps

Project Timeline

Next: Plan Commission workshop #2 on July 12, 2023

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Public Hearings July-Aug Final Plan & FEIS June-July City Council **Preferred Alternative** Adoption in Fall 2023 **Public Comment:** May 9-June 8 **Draft Subarea Plan** Final Subarea Adoption and DEIS Plan and EIS **Process**

roject Startup

Existing Conditions

Develop Alternatives

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2022 Q3

2022 Q4

2023 Q1

2023 Q2

2023 Q3

Aug-Nov



Final Adoption Process

- Plan Commission Hearing: August
 - Resolution, Final Plan, Final EIS
- City Council Action: September/October
- Implementation and ordinances: End of 2023/early 2024



