

Portland is expected to grow.

Portland's economy, neighborhoods, resources, natural setting and the lifestyle options they support continue to attract new residents to the city. Over the next 20 years, Portland is projected to add approximately **260,000 new residents** to the roughly 620,000 people who live here today and about **140,000 new jobs** to the 370,000 jobs in Portland now.

If done well, this growth is part of achieving the Comprehensive Plan Vision.

The long-standing commitment in Portland is to grow UP, not OUT. This course initially was set in 1972 with State Bill 100, and later through the creation of the Metro Urban Growth Boundary. While these laws were in large part intended to protect prime farm and forest land, the agricultural economy, natural resources and environmental health outside of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), the Comprehensive Plan commits the City to protection of natural resources and watershed health inside the UGB as well. The Urban Growth Boundary also protects places that Portlanders love and depend on.

Portland also is a city of great neighborhoods. The attractiveness of these neighborhoods to existing and new Portlanders is impacted by housing choices and the proximity of convenient services, schools, parks and other destinations. Having good access and connections are also important, including transit, safe streets, trails and other public spaces.

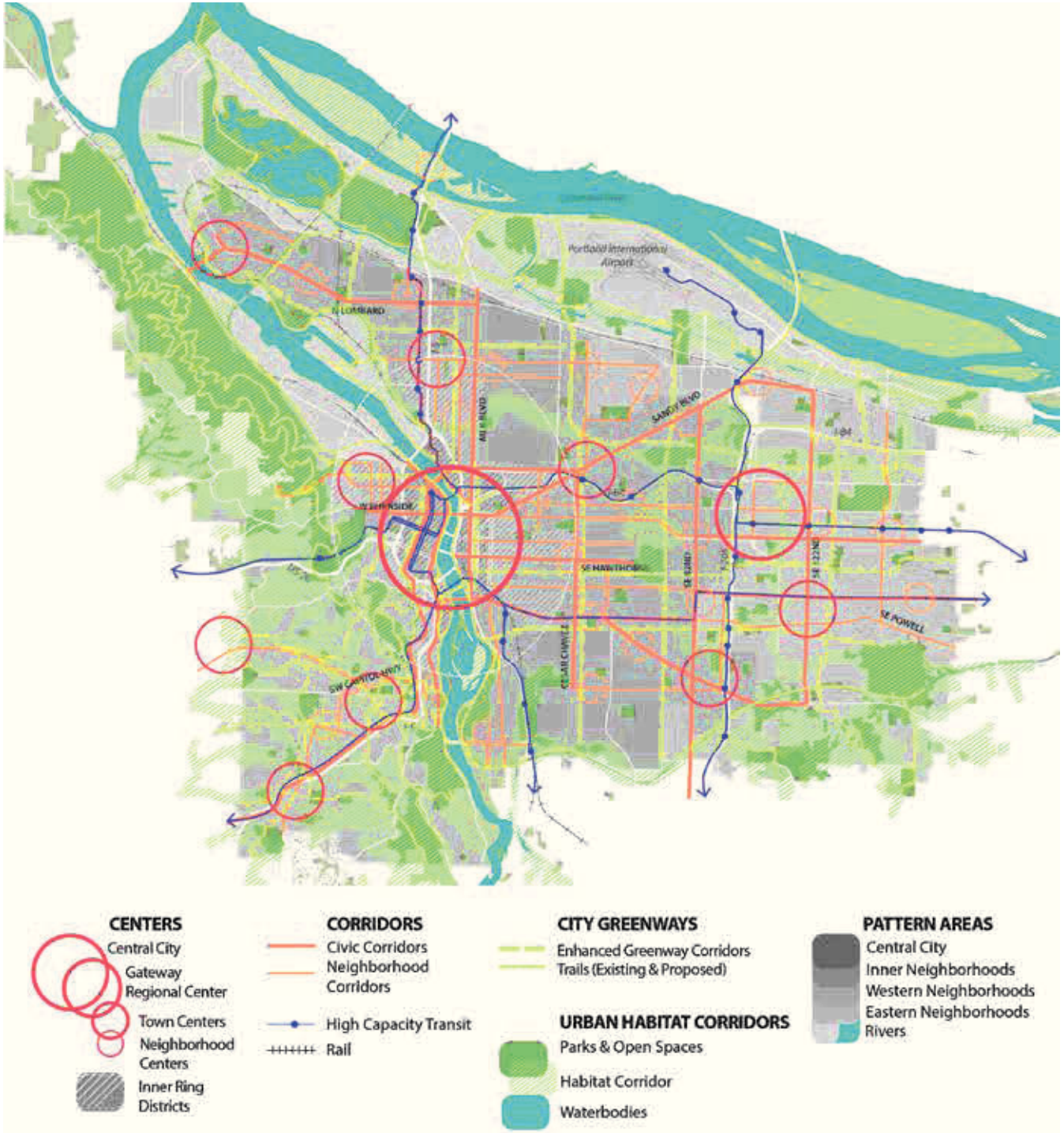
The Comprehensive Plan proposes to use new growth to help expand access to employment and great neighborhoods. The Plan guides growth to centers and corridors. Growing up and not out supports the clustering destinations and makes access by transit, walking, wheelchair and bicycle more practical and desirable. In turn, this helps reduce the amount of driving needed to access work and services.

Focusing growth and investments in centers and along corridors also makes good use of existing infrastructure capacity and encourages efficiency in new infrastructure investments such as streets, sidewalks, transit lines, water and sewer lines and parks.



A city's form matters.

The Urban Design Framework shows how the Vision and Guiding Principles in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan are reflected in the location and form of future change.



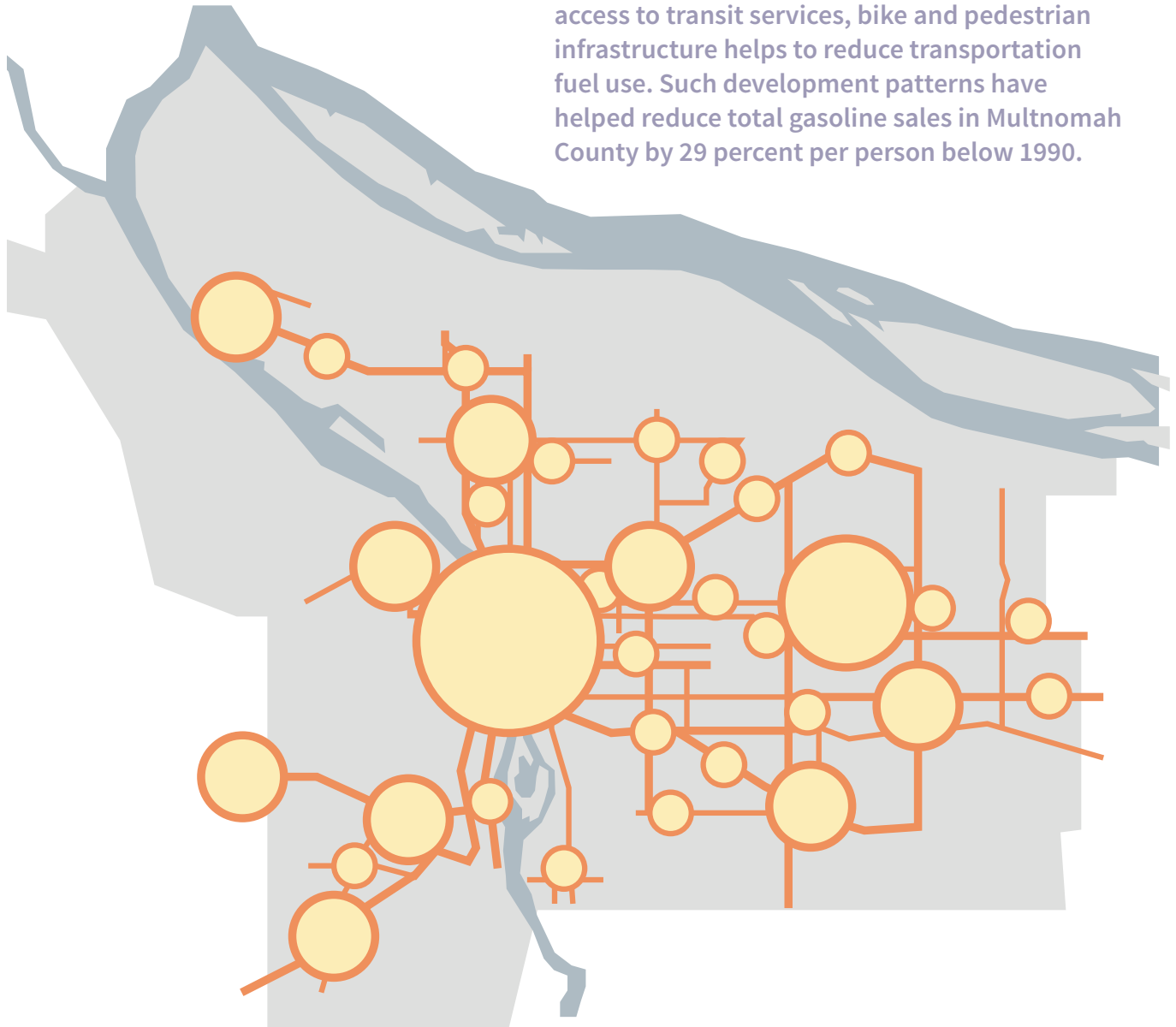
For more information on the Urban Design Framework, see Chapter 3: Urban Form as well as the Urban Design Direction document.

What the new Comprehensive Plan can accomplish

The following pages summarize what each of the Guiding Principles is intended to accomplish.

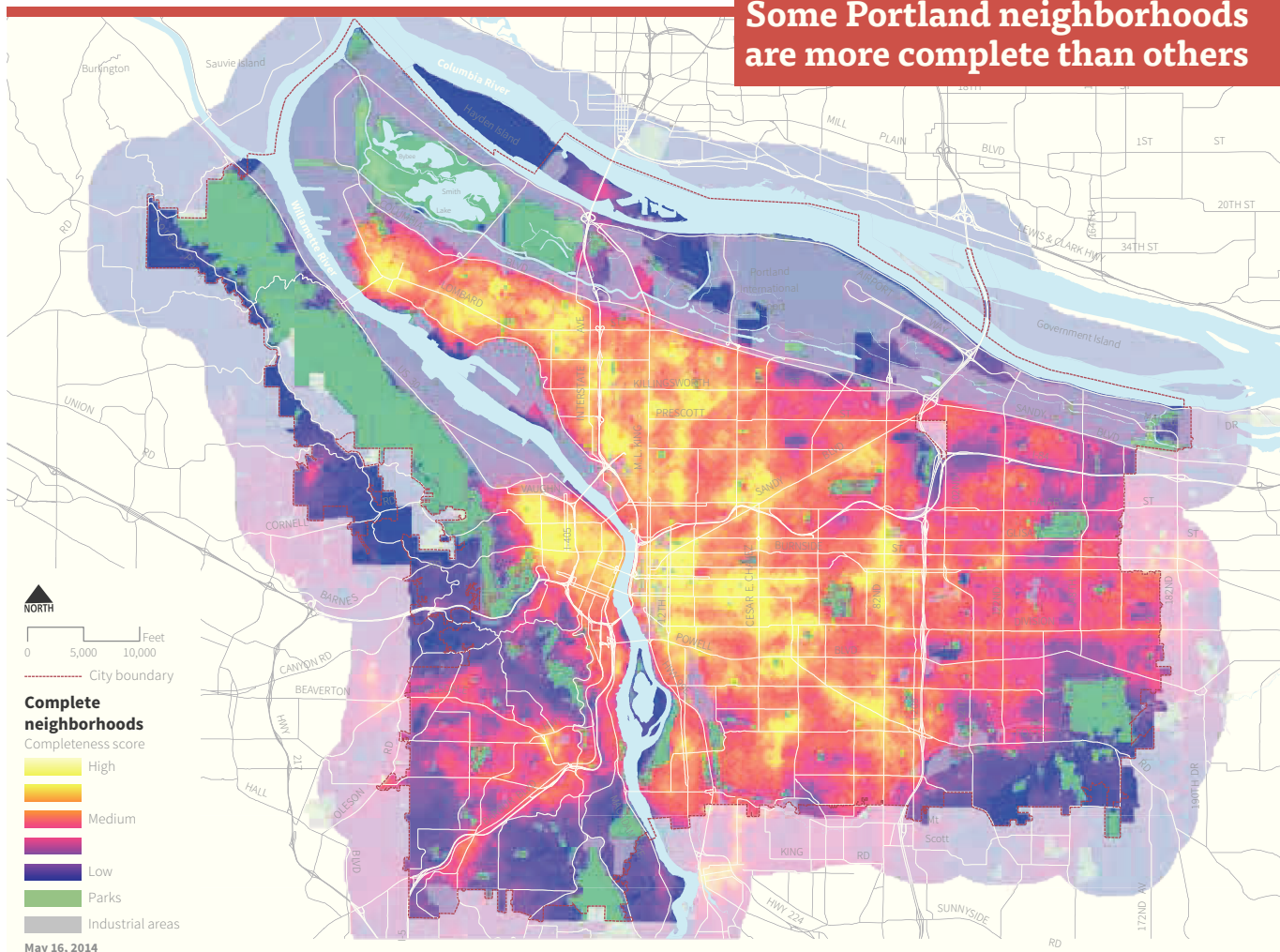
Focusing growth in centers and corridors helps minimize carbon emissions

Concentrating growth and density in areas with access to transit services, bike and pedestrian infrastructure helps to reduce transportation fuel use. Such development patterns have helped reduce total gasoline sales in Multnomah County by 29 percent per person below 1990.



Portland's new Comprehensive Plan and Central City Plan seek to continue this pattern of development. Between now and 2035, 30 percent of the new growth in Portland will be downtown and 50 percent will be in other centers and corridors, increasing density where there is already access to transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure. However, some neighborhoods face gentrification risks, and growth must be encouraged in ways that also help stabilize communities for existing residents and small businesses.

Some Portland neighborhoods are more complete than others



Complete neighborhoods.

Source: Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

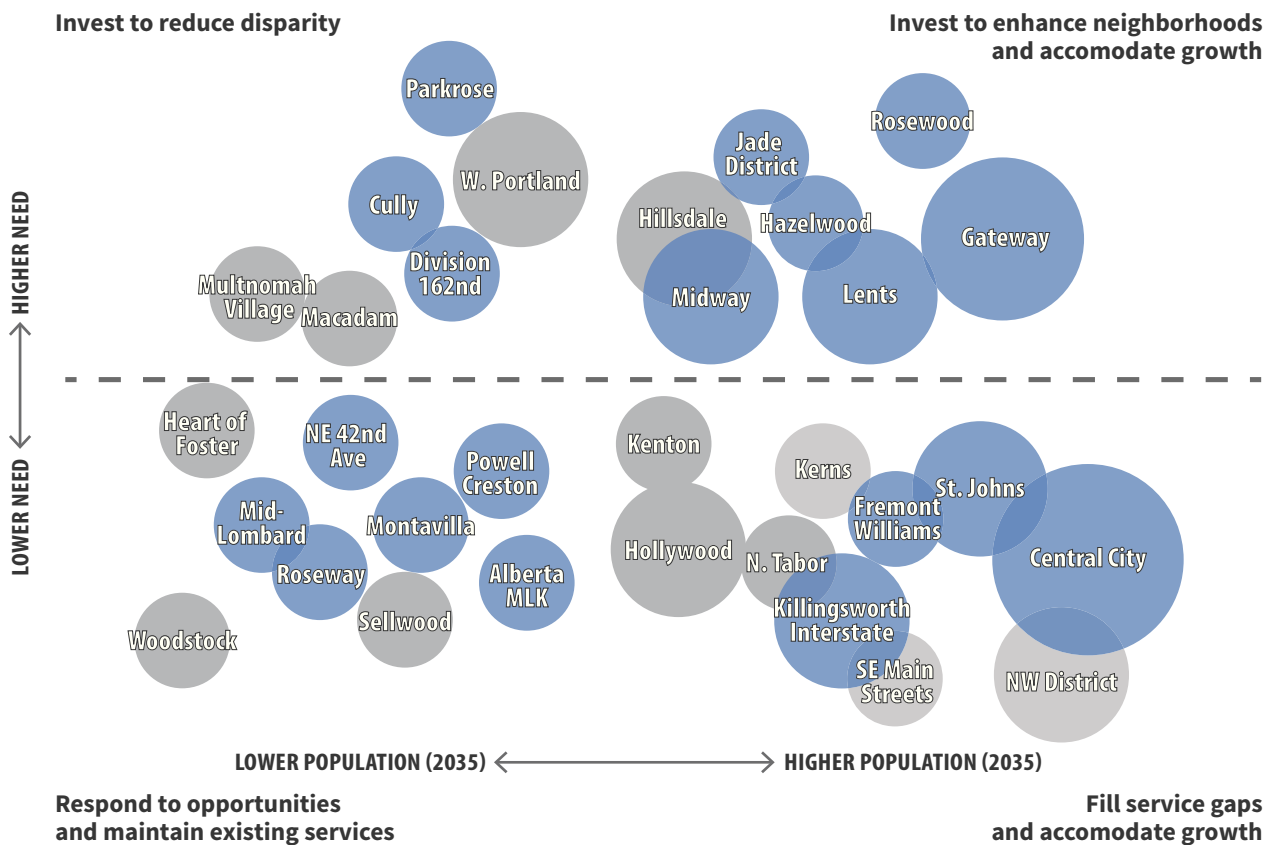
The City developed the 20-minute neighborhood index to measure access to community amenities, products and services. The areas shown in yellow have the highest levels of access to services and amenities. The areas shown in purple have the lowest levels of access.

Under-served means people and places that historically and currently do not have equitable resources, access to infrastructure, healthy environments, housing choice, etc. Due to historical inequitable policies and practices, disparities may be recognized in both access to services and in outcomes.

Under-represented recognizes that some communities have historically and currently not had equal voice in institutions and policy-making and have not been served equitably by programs and services. In this Plan, the terms under-served and under-represented focus action and implementation attention toward:

- **People/Communities of color:** Individuals or groups who identify as African and African American, Native American/Indigenous Nation/ Native Hawaiian, Asian-American or Asian/Pacific Islander, and/or Latino/Hispanic/Chicano descent.
- **Low-income populations:** People, households, families and neighborhoods with below-average incomes. Because of socioeconomic patterns, low-income also overlaps with people of color and many older adults. However, a focus on low-income people does not substitute for a focus on racial and ethnic justice.

Investment strategies for complete centers



Circle sizes correspond to center types: Central City (largest), Gateway Regional Center, Town Centers and Neighborhood Center (smallest). Darker red circles indicate that the center includes higher than average concentrations of vulnerable residents, such as renters, communities of color, households with low-median incomes and/or low education levels.

An intentional investment strategy is essential.

Portland's neighborhoods vary in size and local conditions. The Comprehensive Plan supports four investment strategies that tailor the type of investment to local needs and context.

- 1. Invest to reduce infrastructure disparities and improve livability.** This strategy is appropriate for places that are not expected to grow significantly, but that have existing infrastructure deficiencies. Investments could fill gaps in streets, bicycle and pedestrian routes, and create local parks. Economic development programs could support existing and new businesses, and improve neighborhood prosperity and vitality.
- 2. Invest to enhance neighborhoods, maintain affordability and accommodate growth.** This strategy is aimed at places that lack basic infrastructure or services and that have many residents now, or will in the future. Investments could include improving streets, creating new parks, and addressing other deficiencies. Economic development programs could preserve and increase jobs, businesses and community services in the area.
- 3. Invest to respond to opportunities and maintain existing services.** In these areas, investments focus on maintaining livability and existing infrastructure as well as responding to opportunities.
- 4. Invest to fill service gaps, maintain affordability and accommodate growth.** Some places have already benefited from public and private investments in things like light rail, complete streets and neighborhood business districts. Future investments should focus on making sure that infrastructure can serve new residents by filling remaining service gaps and providing affordable housing.