



Lincoln Street/SW 3rd Ave station area

Celebrating the design legacy of the Halprin District



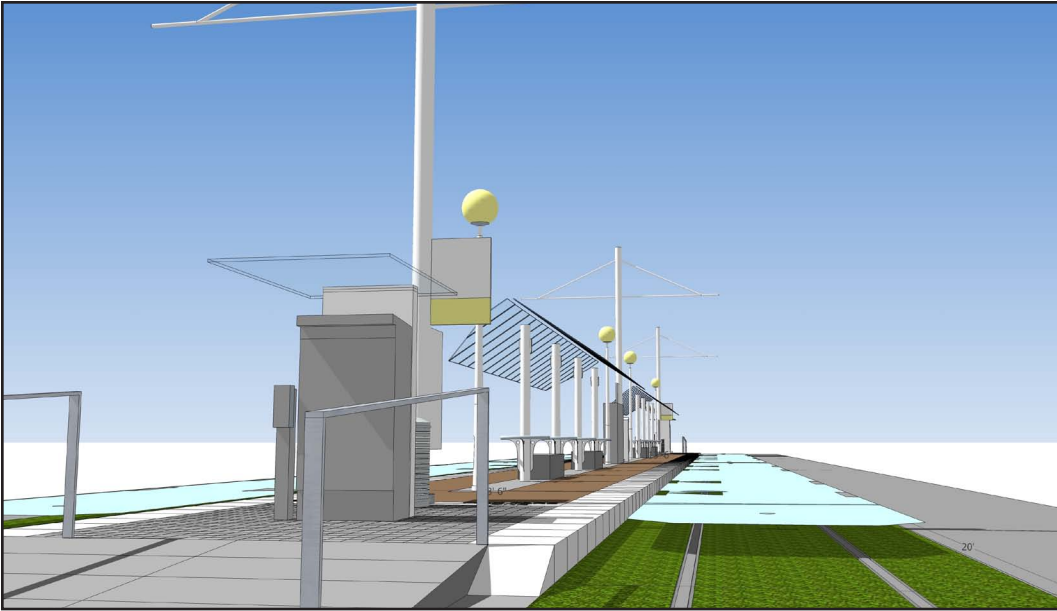
Design summary

Largely built during the urban renewal movement of the 1960s, the Halprin District is defined by its high-rise residential and commercial buildings surrounded by green space, and the series of fountains, plazas and connecting pedestrian spines that were designed by renowned landscape architect Lawrence Halprin. The new station is located and designed to celebrate the Halprin public spaces, activate the pedestrian spines along SW 2nd and 3rd avenues and highlight the mid-century modern architectural character of the area. The project will enhance redevelopment opportunities in the district and incorporate sustainable design features to manage stormwater runoff. It will support the expansion and mixed-use development efforts of Portland State University (PSU) and serve university students, downtown workers and residents living in the district.

This part of the alignment will connect with the southern terminus of existing light rail on SW 5th and 6th avenues and then head east down SW Lincoln Street. The SW 5th and Jackson station, to open in 2012, will be the final station on the Portland Mall before light rail turns onto the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project (PMLR) alignment. The Lincoln Street/SW 3rd Ave Station will be on a center platform located between the Halprin pedestrian walkways, where SW 2nd and 3rd avenues would be, if they crossed Lincoln Street.



Expanding transit options is essential to the livability and economic vitality of our growing region, which is expected to add one million new residents and nearly 100,000 new jobs within the project corridor by 2030. The Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project is integral to the region's strategy to manage growth and build more livable communities. This project is about more than bringing high-capacity transit to under-served communities—it is also about helping communities envision and achieve their aspirations. Combining infrastructure improvements, quality design features and new transit-oriented development along the alignment will connect neighborhoods, encourage walking and cycling, and create engaging public spaces where people want to be.



This draft conceptual rendering of the Lincoln Street/SW 3rd Ave Station shows “eco track” in green and the footprint of a light rail train in light blue.

Highlights of distinguishing design elements

The overall light rail project is designed to be responsive to the character and aspirations of surrounding neighborhoods, while maintaining a system-wide identity that creates a user-friendly transit experience. The light rail line will be dynamic in the way the station areas showcase the character of each neighborhood using distinctive landscaping, public art, sustainability initiatives and other elements. The new station platform and related project improvements in the Lincoln Street/SW 3rd Ave station area are designed to reinforce the identity of the Halprin District as distinct from the neighboring downtown core. A few highlights of distinguishing design elements include:

- **Green street:** This project will redefine the green character of SW Lincoln Street. The alignment requires movement of utilities and a widening of the right-of-way, which will impact all trees between SW 1st and 4th avenues. Approximately 60 trees will be removed, and space will allow approximately 40 trees to be replanted when construction permits. Further, an “eco track”—a vegetated trackway in the station block—will add an unexpected splash of green to the trackway, and well-landscaped stormwater elements will be integrated into the streetscape to further complement the verdant character of this district.
- **Public art:** Artist Elizabeth Conner is designing an installation inspired by the theatrical and participatory work of Anna and Lawrence Halprin. A series of vertical sculptures that alter in form, color and texture when viewed from different perspectives will stand on a landscape berm to the north of the station platform. On the platform, shelter columns will feature a unique mosaic pattern and a panel on the electrical cabinet will provide information on the design of the Halprin District.
- **Quality pedestrian environment:** The Halprin District, with its pedestrian spines, fountains, plazas and quality furnishings, provides a special pedestrian environment. The new station and related improvements are designed to maintain that standard. The platforms will have elegant glass shelters and pedestrian-scaled lighting. The crosswalks will be paved with concrete to accentuate this special feature.



SW 3rd Ave at Lincoln Street is one of a handful of pedestrian streets in the Halprin District.

The Harbor Drive structure: The Harbor Drive structure is located between the edges of the Halprin District, RiverPlace and the South Waterfront District. It will carry light rail over SW Harbor Drive, under the I-5/I-405 ramps and into the South Waterfront District traveling along the west side of SW Moody Avenue. The northern section of the structure will be the most visible to pedestrians, and they will be able to travel under this portion of the structure (the top of the structure will not be accessible to pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles). The elevated structure will also be highly visible to drivers coming from the I-5 freeway and South Waterfront, and will therefore contribute to a sense of arrival in downtown. The concrete deck and weathering steel girders are designed with a thin profile to create a ribbon effect as the structure sweeps across the landscape.

Development opportunities

There are signature opportunity sites for transit-oriented development—including the PSU University Place Hotel & Conference Center and adjacent properties that are envisioned for redevelopment into a new mixed-use residential facility—that will further activate the area.

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