

Why change a convenient location just so developers can make more money? It has been a colorful part of the Portland downtown, a draw for visitors and near local hotels and convention sites via the Max, thus drawing in customers to businesses in the vicinity and in Chinatown. It's proximity to the Chinese Garden is a plus also, as people can attend both in the same visit. Some decisions should be made to protect those Portland cultural and ethnic aspects that have grown naturally.

Incorporate into new Burnside Bridgehead project. Would invigorate the area and help create a pedestrian connection from OCC to downtown via a new Burnside Bridge promenade, which could then tie into the proposed improvements to the north side of W Burnside when the Burnside/Couch couplet is developed.

Another possibility is to develop an "Ankeny Arcade" or festival street from Naito to Fifth. Street improvements could be phased in over time and could include distinctive paving and retractable awnings or mega umbrellas to create a real sense of place as well as a great design opportunity.

Keep SM where it is. The current location is a part of Portland's flavor that cannot be duplicated anywhere else.

As a shopper I'm looking for easy access, good parking and you've got it now. Yes, things could be improved, so let's improve it over the next few years during the down time called winter. Merchants need to be open only 2 days out of the week - the rest of the time they're home making what they are selling. Don't put a greater financial burden on them - it's tough to be in business for yourself. After 28+ years at the same place and then you want to have the tourist/shoppers rediscover them at another location in Netherlands, come on. How much is it going to cost to let everyone know who has been there over those years to find them again - and who is going to pay for it - the merchants - both financially and with fewer customers. It's sort of like do we earthquake proof the old, but still good Central Fire Station for under \$5 Million or do we build a new one for over \$30 Million - the math does not work for my as a tax payer - likewise as a customer.

Current location is perfect.
Always on our list for out-of-town guests.

First choice is e, current site, 2nd is d, waterfront park, 3rd is c, Rose quarter

I am concerned about the relocation of the Portland Saturday Market. The Saturday Market has become a landmark in Portland. For 30 years myself, my family, and friends have frequented the market and taken our out of town guests to visit.

The unique flavor of the market is its draw. Many of the characteristics of the market make it a special place. It is near the river, by the Max tracks, and under one of Portland's historic bridges. The character of the visitors, from tourists, to market vendors, to those that live on the streets, adds to the market's unique feel. It's this unique character that is in danger of being lost if the market moves. All of these people come together in a down to

earth atmosphere where there is good food, wonderful music, and talented artists selling their wares. In addition, the neighboring Skidmore Market and other buildings add to the attraction.

I do NOT want the market to move indoors! I do not want the market to move to a sterile environment, such as the Rose Quarter (this would be very detrimental to the market).

With concerns over downtown use, it seems odd that PDC would even consider moving an event that is successful.

Thanks for your consideration.

In addition, I have to say that the opportunity for input and plans about what is happening with the market has not been well publicized. I have been at the market numerous times in the last months and haven't heard anything.

Try to keep the market near its current location along light rail.

Excellent transit access is more essential than nearby parking. Parking for PSM has been horrible for years and that hasn't killed it, so it should continue to survive with bad parking if good transit access is available.

Also, the market brings a great deal of pedestrian traffic to old town. Moving the market away from old town would remove a great deal of positive activity from the area and leave... what?

I think it's more likely that the Rose Quarter site would kill PSM than it is that PSM would revive Rose Quarter.

I think sites A and B are not viable *until* the "future" light rail is actually operational. Once that happens, then maybe they could work.

Unsafe pedestrian access and confusion with festivals make the waterfront park site seem dubious. Still, it'd be my fourth choice.

I frequent the market via the max and would be less likely to visit were I forced to drive. I value the privilege of purchasing directly from artists and would be greatly disappointed if the market were moved to a spot that isn't as easily accessed by light rail.

I like the idea of staying close to the original location, because it seems like the best guarantee that the market won't be killed by the move, and it still affords some cover under the bridge.

I am very much against moving Saturday Market to the South Park Blocks. I live in The Roosevelt, located at SW Park/Salmon.

The south park blocks are very inappropriate for the following reasons: the use of Saturday market is inconsistent with the current uses of walking, lunching, certain arts performances, etc. What would be especially detrimental is that the lawns would be ruined, parking would be terrible for the residences in the area, and no one could walk through the park as they

do now. Also, any permanent or semi permanent buildings would be a visual blight. Sound from Saturday market would be detrimental the residential use.

How about considering a site in the inner southeast area such as near the eventual renovation of the Bowling Center on SE Grand, or under the Morrison Bridge on the east side? Although I would imagine you selected the Rose Quarter because the Max travels there, it already seems to be a congested area.

Good luck, I'm sure this is a daunting project.

I think tradition should be upheld, and we should keep the market where it is. The vendors and attenders of the market should be the ones to request a move, not the city. I like it where it is. Please keep the current site.

Sorry to see Saturday Market as to move... I think an adequate site as close as possible is a good alternative.

I think it's ashame that you are thinking of moving Saturday Market. It is a staple of Portland. It is in a fantastic location, and all possible efforts should be made not to move it!

ideally, i'd like to see the market continue operating in it's current location... with all the sweeping developmental changes taking place in our city, portland is losing it's charm... lets keep this talent packed treasure where it is... under the protective belly of the burnside bridge.

If Saturday Market is moved too far out of sight from the general public, it will suffer loss of patronage.

All three I have voted for are quite visible although I have some doubts about the South Park Blocks. Why not the North Park Blocks? South Park would compete with Farmers' Market and cause horrendous parking problems with people trying to go to both. North Park would cause people to either take city transportation or move their car thereby freeing parking for the next wave of customers.

I support the market staying where it is...it's part of the city many folks wouldn't go to otherwise, and keeps some life down under the bridge.

If South Park Blocks is the chosen location, can arrangements be made with PSU for parking in some of their lots?

keep out of pear district

keep close to city downtown where people can be close to other functions - and events can draw from the visitors to Sat market.

As a newcomer who has visited Saturday Market both as a visitor & a resident of the metropolitan area, I'd prefer to see it be near the riverfront with light rail access. Such a placement would help draw people to the same general area of downtown and be easy to find. I know I wouldn't make the trip to other areas of the city as often. The waterfront is a magnet!

Please consider parking and mass transportation availability. This type is very faint and difficult to read therefore limiting my comments.

The fun of Saturday Market is to have it where people can participate fully. I started coming to Saturday Market years ago when my children were young. I continue to be at Saturday Market during every year.

Good luck!

I would prefer the Saturday market to stay at E. It's current location. If it absolutely had to move then my choices would be 2) D 3)G

I don't think I would be likely to enjoy the other options.

Needs to be near MAX &/or lots of free parking; better to have both. When the farmers market moved from the Alber's Mill parking lot to the South Park blocks, we seldom go. We could take our 4-mile walk along the esplanade, shop and go home. The South Park Blocks simply didn't provide either the parking or the MAX access. If the Saturday Market moves from where it is to some obscure site without MAX or lots of free parking (preferably near nice walking sites) we'll likely be drop-outs.

market must stay downtown to survive.

(Affiliation not indicated as I am speaking for myself, but I am a board member of the Rose City park Neighborhood Association.)

The present site has a lot to offer in terms of pedestrian access. You can literally step off a MAX train and be in the middle of the market. You are only steps from attractions such as Waterfront Park or the Chinese Garden. There are numerous shops in the area. Much of the area is covered. Skidmore fountain and the surrounding plaza offer a beautiful public space.

The market has had the opportunity to grow and flourish into a true Portland tradition. Moving the market, even to an area with similar access and amenities, seriously risks to interrupt and potentially ruin that tradition.

My vote: Keep the market where it is. Barring that, keep it downtown immediately adjacent to light rail. If it must be moved, do NOT move it until rail is in place.

It would appear to me that the best future locations, if one takes into account the path of future light rail would be either the U&R Blocks, or the NW Hoyt & Fifth Blocks. This would help relieve some of the parking pressure and would also make the market easily accessible to those who live in the Pearl (I'm assuming a study has been done to see if those who live there ARE part of the audience the market is trying to reach.) I think all of the other locations offer significant parking challenges. The exception of course is the current location, but if the city goes ahead with plans to turn the main fire station location into a "Pike Street" type market, then in my view it doesn't make sense to keep it where it is. In Seattle, the Pike Place Market does have a number of "Saturday Market" type vendors, but my understanding is that they are there every day. Most of those who sell at our market would not be able to make that type of commitment, unless the rules could be changed about the artist having to tend their booth. The artists need weekdays to produce their products.

I would like the Saturday market to remain in its current space.

First choice - Waterfront Park. It should not be far from the existing location. Many people will not go to the market if it is in the Rose Quarter. Northwest Portland does not make much sense. I am assuming that it probably must move as you are doing the study. Question whether parking is adequate in Rose Quarter or NW - also, Smart Park not real close in the park blocks either.

Interference with sporting events is a problem, but that may be relatively minor (establish a corridor, discourag spillover into the still-open park area - there still should be enough open space to the South.

Second - Existing location. Fix what needs to be fixed to increase vendor access. Not sure about the parking lot issues - excercise eminent domain? Smart park is available close to either of these choices.

Third - Morrison - but don't understand how it would be set up.

I firmly believe that the Saturday Market should remain on the site where it has traditionally been. My husband and I have been in the Portland area for just two years. One of the reasons we moved to the Portland area is the richness of the Portland culture. And part of that culture is 'traditionalism.'

When we have out of state guests, they all want to see the Saturday market. I cannot imagine it in another place. Everyone knows its location.

Please, please make any other adjustments necessary to leave a piece of the old Portland the way it has always been.

I believe that keeping the market where it is is the most prudent choice. Who says you can't improve the area without moving a 30 year plus institution? My friends and relatives who come visit always rave about how cool it is to take MAX and be right in the heart of the market. It is unique and should be supported right where it is!

Please keep it away from the Greyhound bus Station. and keep it close to the Max on the West side of the river.

I always come straight to the SATurday Market when I get to visit every year. I love where it is now. It works very well to be out of the elements and close to the Max and near so much great architecture.

Given the choices listed above, I prefer the U&R blocks, the NW Hoyt & 5th blocks, or the Current Site, or the Morrison Bridge Blocks. I think that Rose Quarter/Coliseum is too windy and noisy with already too many events. I think that Waterfront Park (even though you're proposing the north end) might conflict with other annual or large events. I think that South Park Blocks already has enough with the Art Museum and the theatres and churches and PSU. I think using the internet is a wonderful way to take a poll (as long as you can get enough identifying information from each person to ensure a clean poll!). I saw the notice in the Oregonian only today (yikes!) and am glad that at least the site is still up to take the information! Thank you, C Bryant P.S. The typefont in this box is awfully small...

I think the Saturday Market vendors should carry the weight of choosing the site, but as a frequent and happy user, and based on the information supplied here I choose: E F B

This should be as close as possible to MAX--preferably on the line. Not a good idea to put it in either Waterfront Park or the South Park Blocks. The activity would destroy the grass and cut down on scarce park areas.

The current site contains many of the criteria; essential, priority, and desired. It already has a "charming" environment. Use a small portion of the monies that would be essential for relocation and invest in the current site. Let it integrate with new upcoming business. It carries its own esthetic value.

The allure of the whole Pikes Market area in Seattle is its "charm".

YOU SHOULD NOT MOVE SATURDAY MARKET!!

My choices are
E. Current Site
E. Market District
D. Waterfront Park

The beauty of the market is that we all know where to find it. Who is going to hunt it down after it's moved? How will they know where it went? I didn't even know it was possible that it would move until I saw the article in today's paper - and TODAY?! Is the last day to vote?! Sounds like someone is trying to secretly hide the market!

I noticed that all of your potential sites have the same, if not more, problems as the current site. If you cannot offer a viable improvement, don't bother.

Saturday Market, in it's current location, is an institution in Portland. To move it is criminal. Development be damned.

Keep it in a pleasant, visible location close to MAX. The Park Blocks aren't really that convenient, but they're pleasant.

I vote for E.

Notwithstanding that some of the alternate locations might be better in some way, the public at large KNOWS WHERE SATURDAY MARKET IS! Any change is a dramatic alteration to the basic core of the Saturday Market Brand, which essentially comes down to WHAT, WHERE, WHEN?

What? An outdoor market.
When? Saturday?
Where? Get off the MAX at Skidmore Fountain.

It's a simple brand that allows Saturday Market to survive in a complicated and confusing world of entertainment, food, and shopping choices for the consumer.

Make it more complicated for the user to FIND Saturday Market, and you might as well have it on Thursdays.

Would consumers EVENTUALLY find the market and re-establish the new location as a part of the brand? Sure! But can Saturday Market retailers who are living on razor thin retail margins at a time of consumer uncertainty afford the period of transition OR the cost of re-building 1/3 of the brand information? I doubt it!

In a time of massive success, with the extra resources (or, perhaps a strong public spokesperson who can send the news out and get it heard) this might be possible, but now is not the time.

If it has to move (and I don't think it should), you need to keep it close to the current location. Otherwise people won't find it; the mere unfamiliarity of location will discourage people and damage the Market. We are all creatures of habit; when you damage the habit/location, you damage the business as well.

It would have been helpful for you to provide addresses for sites, rather than just aerial veews with print too tiny to read.

The PDC needs some serious organizational changes if they push this move through. With the exception of the urban ghetto in the Pearl, they are not in sync with the wishes of Portland's residents.

I really like the idea of moving it directly south to the Morrison Bridge Blocks. The proximity to the current location would be a great advantage. I also like the idea of transforming an unsightly parking lot to the colorful market on weekends. This location also has easy access to Waterfront Park which is important. Also key are the proximity to Smart Park venues and the Max line. This site has it all.

My primary comment comes from being on the Waterfront Park Master Plan CAC. The CAC looked closely at the feasibility of including Saturday Market in the new Master Plan but concluded, rightly so I think, that Saturday Market and Waterfront Park were not a good fit for a variety of reasons. So, my primary comment would be that Waterfront Park is not a good location. Similarly, I think the same could be said about the South Park Blocks site. I don't feel this large, important public parks/open spaces are a good fit.

Each of the other sites certainly presents some opportunities - positives and negatives and you're site maps do a great job. It seems like re-development is a long term probabable hiccup at each site. I would find it hard to believe that the best use for any of these sites in the long term is Saturday Market.

I think Saturday Market can do a great job of bringing activity to currently underutilized parcels but that it's doomed to be moved from site to site as re-development takes place. I think the best approach toward a long term home is somehow knitting it (and maybe shrinking it) to a Public Market.

I include the Morrison Bridge Blocks as a third choice as I think it would make a good short term solution - but would hate to see those key peices of real estate made a permanent

home for the market. Eventually, they should be housing/shops/restaurant that helps bring life to Waterfront Park.

Thanks!

Leave it where it is. Transit access is perfect and I suspect generates increased sales at other points along the route as well (Lloyd Center and Pioneer Place). Don't mess with Saturday Market

We believe that this issue has brought us an opportunity for a greater vision. Portland lacks a permanent public market, such as Pike Place in Seattle and Granville Island in Vancouver, BC. These markets create a wonderfully vibrant combination of permanent farmer's market, fishmongers, coffee, take out food and local crafts, etc all under cover-which we believe to be extremely important in this part of the country. This is something we lack in Portland. Why not combine the Saturday Market (at least physically) with a venue such as a public market open 7 days per week?

What about incorporating this vision into the Bridgehead development or the 100000SF building the City put out for RFP in the same area last year?

Available parking would also be great and help to increase business.

Thanks for considering this idea!

The current site is dramatic when taking the MAX from the East side on the weekend, forgetting what day it is, and wondering why there are so many people...until you see the crowds, families, lights, booths, etc. in the normally in-active area of town. The MAX literally brings you to the very center of the "action". The other sites do not offer the social interaction between the market and the people on the MAX, as well as providing some connection with the river. However it does appear to be the smallest of the sites. The Morrison Bridge Blocks would work similar to the existing site, but the MAX does not stop right there. Waterfront Park would work if there was easier access across Naito, and if the market still filtered its way through Ankeny Square. Then the Rose Quarter...This I would love! For this to be a complete success however, the city would have to invest more in the surrounding neighborhood and the Lloyd District. If the Coliseum turned into something other than what it is. My ideal re-programming would be the talked about Athletic center combined with a new Central City Library (Mind/body atmosphere which is quintessential Portland while expanding our library). Considering the snail's pace of development in the Lloyd District, it would take some time until it is successful.

Saturday Market is a fixture in downtown Portland. To move it anywhere else is the start of moving away from having people come to the downtown. It's convenient where it is located. Rose Quarter is the worst location, as well as anything north of Burnside.

If you want to keep people from coming to the downtown, then move Saturday Market. I live on the coast and enjoy coming to the Market. Take it away, and I'll stay away.

Saturday Market is a valuable facet of downtown culture and should be promoted. It should also be located near a permanent farmer's market site.

I think the Market should stay where it is. Availability/proximity of MAX is very important to my family and to tourists. My choices in order of preference are: E, D, B.

Alternative: Keep Saturday Market where it is-under the Burnside Bridge

Why does a Portland landmark have to move? Portland is not Seattle, nor should it be. Our Saturday Market does not need to become a Pike's Place for Portland. Saturday Market is unique to Portland because it is not Pike's Place: it is a group of artisans marketing their wares. To even consider relocating this landmark to a site that does not yet have frequent mass transit access is to desire to see its decline. How many people get in their cars and drive to Saturday Market? How many more just happen to be touring our city via public transportation and stop at Saturday Market because it is an unexpected gem tucked away where one would least expect it? I have been going to Saturday Market since the Max line opened in 1987 when I was three. When I was in high school two Japanese exchange students stayed with my family and were delighted when we took them to Saturday Market. They had heard about the "market under the bridge" and said that it was one of the highlights of their visit to Portland. Please do not sacrifice a uniquely Portland landmark under the name of progress. Gentrification will not give our city the uniqueness that sets it apart from other cities.

i believe that the market should stay where it is currently located. it is a portland institution which identifies portland as a unique and diverse community..free of genderfication. why change a good thing? with every festival on the water front, more people are going to the market.

Saturday Market would be a wonderful weekend boost for the central downtown waterfront. It also could work as a daytime help to the Rose Quarter or as a complement to the Saturday Farmers' Market in the South Park Blocks. All of those sites are convenient to MAX. If it is moved to the Pearl District, nobody who doesn't live in the District will be much inclined to visit, which would be a real shame.

The current location is probably best but I'm going on the assumption that future demands for the space probably make that a relatively poor choice.

I walked Old Town tonight, to study some of the blocks under consideration as a new home for Portland Saturday Market. It's clear that any location not straddled by light rail as in the current location, severely limits the ease of access of visitors to the market, and creates pedestrian/car traffic problems. Many people crossing streets to get to light rail is dangerous and impairs the flow of traffic. That said, The U & R blocks offer a very attractive vantage point north of Union Station and Broadway Bridge. It's quieter there than the current location. This location could help to re-energize Union Station. Maybe even the Greyhound.

Dear Saturday Market Board and Portland Development Commission.

I have been going to Saturday market since it first opened across from import plaza. The move under the Burnside bridge was needed to make room for all of the vendors and customers.

My wife and I relocated (because of my job) about 12 years ago to Orange County CA but always told others in CA about Portland's one and only Saturday Market and how great it was. Since moving back home to SW Portland after 12 years in Hell.. The first thing we did was go to the market and were so happy to see it had not changed.

To move it would make it much harder for those who are going to go from out of town. Everyone knows where it is at and the Max line dropping off is a bonus to many.

The Burnside bridge offers cover from the rain and the sun and has helped make the market a ideal place to go no matter what the weather is doing.

The Morrison Bridge would work fine with the bridge as a cover but how many would the market lose from relocating And Max is not as close.

South Park blocks provides no real cover and Jefferson has traffic moving faily fast thru the area. The synergy of the Farmers Market would make it much like the way it was the first year and would be kind of neat....

I say leave it. Why change a good thing.

How about Holladay Park across from Lloyd Center and the Lloyd Center theaters? Would that site meet the necessary requirements? It would be right on the MAX line, is a huge area, I think it has all the necessary ramps. Otherwise I would hate to see Saturday Market moved. I think it is in the best spot and has history being there. Otherwise a spot close to where it is now wouldn't be bad, like the Waterfront. Otherwise, Holladay Park or next to the Rose Garden would be a hit! Thanks.

I would want theMarket to remain in it's current location, or as close as possible to that location. It is the only popular "attraction" that brings people into the OTCT neighborhood. The Chinese Garden, as beautiful as it is, pales in comparison as a draw.

If the market has to move, the Rose Quarter seems like a natural alternative. And would it would be good to encourage more activity on the East side of Portland. The "funky" atmosphere of Saturday markets everywhere seems to be aided by locating them in less prosperous locations of cities.

The two NW locations seem a little out of the way (and there is no Max near them currently). This area is already recieving more than it's fair share of development support.

The Waterfront and South Park blocks also seem like appropriate locations, but there are so many other weekend events at these sites that I think it would lead to conflicts and/or a net reduction in large public events held in the city.

The North Park blocks may be a nice alternative.

Art in the Pearl has succeeded there.

Saturday Market would command a bigger presence.

(Than Art in the Pearl.

It is less of an impediment to traffic than the South Park Blocks. Next to the Pearl district, & Old Town.

Save Saturday Market.

The Waterfront Park Master Plan committee considered this issue during our planning process and elected not to include the Saturday Market in our final recommendations.

Also, I think the Eastside has huge potential.

I've traveled quite a bit & the markets that seem to be the most alive, the most ingrained in the culture really wanted to be something unique/ really wanted to provide something for the people #1. We have an opportunity here to do something that will make a impact on the daily lives of portlanders, even more so than the pike market does for seattle.

If Saturday Market has to move it should stay close by; other locations NW Davis and NW 1st, or NW 4th and NW Flanders. A great location is the North Park Blocks, or Jamison Park in the Pearl District.

Moving to the Eastside would completely lose the feel of the Saturday Market. And, it would lose attendance and revenues. It has to stay downtown.

If it must move I would prefer the U&R Blocks.

The Saturday Market needs a permanent home, not a place where it can be gradually shifted into oblivion.

Portland is not all about wealthy people in condos.

If we really want creatives here in Portland we should act like it, and not try to kill creativity.

The market attracts visitors from other places because it is a unique and established open venue for artists and craftsmen and is a colorful and happy place to shop and spend the day.

I know the city/county desire to raise property values and acquire more revenue through redevelopment, but you are going too far. The market should at the very least be in as good, if not a better and more visible, location, with as much colorful ambience as it presently has, and COVERED. If no such place can be found nearby on the river, it should not be moved at all.

I have never been an exhibitor at the market, just a purchaser.

It could be an open air FINE ART market with the same foods, etc., run by the Saturday Market people during the week, to use the space up all the time. At present it is a Crafts market just on weekends which leaves it empty and an attractive nuisance the rest of the

time. This would also give a boost to beginning artists.

One of the things that makes the market work is that it's in the downtown core, with an adjacent train stop. Sites A, B, and C don't work for that reason. The current site is good, and the Morrison Bridge site and Waterfront Park site could probably work.

I'm sorry to see that the Market needs to change it's location, but...

I've been going to Saturday Market for almost 30 years and want to continue to do so.

I think staying close to light rail and Waterfront Park is important. Light rail helps with the parking crunch and Saturday Market and other events in Waterfront Park feed visitors to each other.

Leave saturday market where it is at. Vera Katz is no longer mayor and her vision for destroying the city is gone.

Saturday Market must be under a bridge or other cover or merchants won't continue to sell and buyers won't continue to attend the market duiring rough weather. Saturday Market is an institution in our town and MUST be preserved!

I think it is important for the Saturday Market to stay located in the downtown area, west of the river, and within easy access to public transportation. The South Park Blocks location would conflict with the heavy usage of the area by the Farmer's Market, potentially creating a traffic mess. I also think that the Saturday Market has a specific feel and flavor that is diverse, gritty, and urban. It seems that anyone is welcomed at the Saturday Market, and diversity and creativity are encouraged. The U and R Blocks and NW Hoyt and Fifth Blocks locations, with their closer proximity to the Pearl District, could stifle some of the character that is present in the current location. The Pearl District's idea of an art festival is high-end, fine art dealing with wine and specialty foods. That is fine, but I don't think that the Saturday Market needs to aspire in any way towards those qualities. It seems that the construction of the new MAX line would also interfere with the Saturday Market in those locations.

Portland Saturday Market (PSM) is one of the key economic engines for the Old Town/Chinatown (OTCT) community. It is an icon and landmark within this community. The ongoing success of PSM and the OTCT is interreliant upon each other.

Anywhere but the South Park Blocks

I started thinking about moving Saturday Market to PSU about ten years ago. I'm glad to see this idea on the table. Hopefully we can begin making poor old "Old Town" a place to live, or at least visit. It is too much of a gem to sully with the dubious honor of playing host to Saturday Market. Move the Market to PSU, where it will flourish. Hopefully then we can replace the "broken teeth" (parking lots) in Old Town with liveable spaces.

Next on the Don Quixote agenda: Get rid of the freeway on the East side. Old Town is noisy from the freeway, and this will hamper all of your efforts in the long run. People may not realize it, but it's killing (killed) Old Town.

Last but not least, can we get an ordinance against compression braking on I-5 NB between Terwilliger and 405? A sound barrier along that corridor would do wonders.

i thought there was talk of the 501 bldg near the n.park blocks. would that not be a site to consider as well?

The redevelopment of the firestation and existing market building can be achieved while keeping the market in it's current location. DO NOT MOVE THE MARKET. You will kill it! It is more fragile than you think.

the Park blocks from Salmon to Jefferson area is NOT APPROPRIATE That would change drastically and irrevocably the quiet, cultural ambiance of the whole "Art museum-Performing arts-Park" setting of the area.

It would turn those blocks of the park into a parking lot - the grass would be gone, the walking traffic patterns would preclude recovery in the week for lunches or contemplation.

There would be permanently erected -flimsy booths and awnings and banners.--for us home owners accross the street to view every day.

The smell of frying oil for the elephant ears would get old soon.

The sound level of a thousand people, cooking, beating drums, fifes(recorders), bagpipes, zithers, autoharps--the cacophony would be so outside the expectation of present homeowners.

There are 49 owners in the one block alone that would be effected, but more importantly, it would make VERY heavy commercial use of a quiet park setting.

No I don't think this is even a possibility and we need to STRONGLY object to the Park block choice Salmon to jefferson.

I strongly recommend that it remain where it is--logistics of surrounding construction to be determined, but ultimately right where it is is good.

I don't understand the reason why an established market must move to make room for a Market District. Why can't PDC find alternate uses for the current site Monday through Friday?

east side would be the perfect location for saturaday market
it lightens the downtown traffic, and helps revive the east side.

Please keep it away from the Greyhound bus Station. and keep it close to the Max on the West side of the river.

The Park Blocks are a cultural mecca for the

city and were not intended for this sort of weekly event. There are many more appropriate locations.

The Portland Saturday Market is a wonderful aspect of Portland's landscape. I am opposed to moving the Market, unless a strong majority of the vendors themselves desire the move.

Part of the success and charm of the market is it's current location. I think the market, if moved, will eventually die. Please don't take that chance on this Portland Landmark.

I think the PDC is totally out of control and am appalled that they would force the issue to push the Saturday market out of it's long time home. It will be very difficult to find a location as appropriate as the one they have now. We only hope that any move doesn't destroy the flavor and feel of the existing market. The last thing we need is another yuppie oriented attraction in the Pearl.

Visibility to MAX is essential

What a shame to destroy years of hard work and pride to bring to the public a betrayal of sorts. In this age when word means nothing, and laws and rules and ethics are trampled for a quick fix, it becomes necessary to maintain landmarks and give people a sense of continuity and stability in their lives. Those who "plan" such potential upheavals must find something better to do!

First choice is to leave it at its current site. It is so easy to get to and is mostly covered.

Second choice is Waterfront Park. Still close to old site, half way close to mass transit and mostly covered. Am a bit concerned as to how close it would be to transit and crossing Naito Parkway is an issue. Those of us who are disabled can't walk all that far, especially if we want to have energy to walk around the Market.

Third choice is Rose Quarter/Coliseum. Picked it mainly because it is so easy to get to on mass transit. I don't know how many people drive and have to park when going to Saturday Market. In all my years of going, I've never driven. As with Waterfront Park, I am a bit concerned as to how close it would be to transit. Again, if I have to walk so far to get to the Market, no energy left to walk around the Market.

Hello,

I am new to Portland. My family and I moved here last January. I love arts and crafts and am what my kids call an "old hippy" ... so, I was excited about my first visit to "Saturday Market." Actually, my girls and I have talked seriously about seeing if we could sell our items there someday. Anyway, I was very interested when I read about what's going on with moving the Market, and I wanted to add my two cents, for what it's worth.

From what I've read, I'm afraid that it may be trying to go in a real "yuppie" direction. I'm afraid that things may have to be priced too high for the craftsmen to be able to afford the new booth spaces. I actually like the place that the Market is in now. It has a sense of history. It's where it's been since the beginning. I'm a bit confused though, because in the

literature that I read about this issue, it said that the current site was NOT desirable ... but yet it is one of the choices. Well, I vote for E ... the current site/market district. I do think that improvements should be made to that area though. Bathrooms are badly needed. Seating areas as well. Also, it seems like it's a natural to add the Farmers Market to it. In fact the first time I went, I thought that it included the Farmer's Market and I was very sad to learn that it didn't. That the Farmer's Market was in another part of town, and during the week. I've never made it to it. I would have though, if it had been included in Saturday Market. I'd like fresh flowers and plants too. I can see them being sold around the fountain. It would be great, and it could be so, so beautiful. I moved here from California ... no, please, don't be mad at me! It just didn't make sense not to move and we love it here. Anyway, I'm afraid that you're trying to go toward something like the Ferry Building in San Francisco. It's nice ... but too expensive for the common human to shop there ... but they do have flowers! Well, that's all I have to say. I do hope that you decided to keep the historical site that you have now ... make improvements to the area ... and add a Farmers Market and it would be truly perfect. Thanks so much for your time and attention...

I cannot envision Saturday Market in any location than its current site. Therefore, my top three locations are all E., the current site.

My undergraduate university, Western Washington Univ. moved a similar open air market and its compromise move utterly destroyed the market. I urge you to not take a similar destructive path.

Provide vertical connections to Burnside

Add hardscape and public facilities immediately adjacent to planned site.

Improve ped crossing along Front Ave.

There are no real alternatives to current location. Move it any appreciable distance and it dies. It will always be the somewhat disreputable sibling to the PSU Saturday Market on the South Park Blocks but that's OK. You have to have somewhere to put all that NEW AGE crap. Just police it better.

It really needs to be next to, or very close (visible from) to the lightrail. Parking has and will always be an issue, so people need to be able to take the train.

I'm not crazy about using Waterfront Park for this purpose, but I feel that it is still better than any of the others.

I don't think using park space for the Market would be appropriate under any circumstances. I feel strongly that Portland and the PDC need to come up with a solution that doesn't involve relocating this Market.

My first choice would be to leave Saturday Market where it is. The current site does have drawbacks, but is far outweighed by the benefits if location, location, location. It's right on the MAX line, which reduces the amount of car traffic to get to the Market. It's location is well known and accessible to all who wish to partake of the Market.

My second choice, if it has to be would be the Morrison Bridge Blocks. While not on the Max line, at least it is close enough to be usable

My third choice would be WaterFront Park.

Saturday Market is a tradition in Portland and shouldn't be moved. When tourists come to Portland they expect to find one of Portland oldest attractions to still be there and easily accesible. Cleaning up it's existing location is admirable and worthwhile, but it doesn't have to preclude Saturday Market.

Saturday Market must stay where it is! It is the retail heart of Old Town. The only reason I (Hoodoo Antiques, 122 NW Couch) have been able to stay in business over the last twelve years in Old Town is due entirely to the foot traffic generated by Saturday Market. The attraction to Saturday market is legendary. While the Saturday Market attracts tourists and out-of-towners who stay at Portland's best hotels, the max light rail, transports customers to Saturday Market from all of it's perimeter which is a boon considering the city's lack of downtown parking.

One of the main and seldom discussed reasons Saturday Market is successful is that it is a weekend festival. A twenty+ plus year revolving tourist attraction that you have to go on Saturday or Sunday and if you miss it, you have to wait until the next weekend. This instills an anticipation of great things to come and a sense of urgency to buy in customers. Don't cut out Old Town's vital retail heart.

Does anyone remember the permanent and enclosed Yamhill Farmer's Market in the early 90's? It failed miserably and that was without Old Town's intrinsically problematic DISENFRANCHISED population. Without the city exercising eminent domain, gentrification efforts to 'PearIize" Old Town will fail!! Whole Foods will never lease store space next to the Rescue Mission. To pearl-up Old Town, the city would have to displace soup kitchens and other infrastructure for the homeless and mentally ill - Central City Concern, the Salvation Army, the Rescue MIssion, the Sisters of the Road, the Royal Palms, the Union Gospel Mission....

Don't we have enough farmer's markets located throughout our metro area already? Do we really need another at the expense of ruining Old Town's fragile retail climate?

Is this the birth of New Town?

Push China Town out,

Push the homeless and mentally ill out.

Pour in \$\$\$\$\$ of our tax money into new pearl-like construction

Creates business disruptions/closures and ultimately prohibitive leases. Kill all existing retail remnants of Old Town.

All the encroaching development in Portland is a sad, sad shame. Between this and the eyesores being currently built on the "south side" I hardly recognize this town anymore.

I would choose to leave Saturday Market in its' current location, incorporating future growth plans around the market or as a central feature. Just as art galleries revitalized the pearl district, Saturday Markets effect in it's current location has helped the area renew itself. I

think Saturday Market needs to stay in or as close to old town as possible. It is the right atmosphere & setting for small businesses & entrepreneurs both in the market & in small stores around the area. Certainly a plan can be devised to make the Market part of any new development for the area. Would Seattle ask Pikes Place Market to relocate, so new development can occur -- The answer is No!

Moving a Portland institution for another condo tower is shameful. You're ruining Portland!

These three sites seem to offer the best combination of some cover, access to MAX, and close proximity to other downtown offerings. Rose Quarter is not near anything else interesting. Morrison is okay location being downtown and offering some cover, but seems isolated by high traffic flow. South Park blocks already seems to have other activities and I like not having other things to dissipate the natural feel of the park. U&R blocks is a terrible location - unless you would like to be robbed and where is the cover (?) and seems isolated by high traffic flow too.

Keep Saturday Market where it is. Work with the folks involved. Do not build some super hotel or office building that will not adequately used. Revamp the PDC. Return ethics to that organization. It is disturbing that it appears to be heavy with people who are only in it for themselves and do not care for the citizens that they work for.

Saturday Market is a Portland institution and should not be made into something out of Seattle and California. Leave it alone!

C, E, G Make the most sense - -my personal preference would be to invigorate current site.

However, with Max being so useful, think that C would be a wonderful choice to keep cars off the road and people moving into other areas of town. I should think that this would increase awareness & diversity tolerance if we could move folks across the bridges and into other areas of the city.

Of course, this would mean the City (Council?) would have to quit trying to make the East side of town look scary, as well as stop red-lining the whole NE and North side of town.

I would like to see more tolerance and diversity training of the whole West side of town - from small business to the so-called upper echelon business owners - - how about some fairness for all Portlanders???

Keep it away from the Rose Quarter/Coliseum. Traffic is terrible there as it is. Waterfront park can get too torn up. Current site is great, but as I understand, it isn't going to be kept available for the market. Keep is CLOSE to light rail. As close as possible - I think if people can actually see the market from the max cars, they will get off, when they hadn't originally planned to.

I hate to see it move in the first place. So if it does have to move, I think it is best to leave it near to where it currently is.

It would be nice to have at least part of it covered.

I think moving it will affect business downtown, ie, decrease business, as some people only go down there for the market primarily.

I'd like to see the market stay close to its current location. It is convenient and fun. The Skidmore Fountain is a great landmark and easy to find as a spot to meet up with friends for a stroll through the market. Nice to have it on the MAX line, too.

Saturday Market "belongs" near the river and old town. Failing that, don't put it where it would conflict with other weekend uses - least of all on parkland!! Deserved or not, Saturday Market has a "gentle on the earth" reputation. Recycling parking lots, even if only for the weekend, fits its communal, folksy aura perfectly. The Morrison Bridge area appears to be by far the best alternative site to the present one.

Waterfront Park is the best location. People not aware that the market is moving will easily find it. Waterfront park is currently underutilized; it would be nice to see it come to life. This location will also help to create the vibrant community the city is looking for. There are no other locations that would create as large of a reinforcing benefit.

None of the other options are strategic, therefore I do not have a second or third choice.

Once the new light rail is done I think sites A & B are ok. I think the challenge will be creating the atmosphere (vibrant, urban) though and will require some investment and support from the PDC.

Thus, my first priority would be to keep it in site E, under the Burnside Bridge, and maybe explore expanding west into site D when some of the space is lost due to the development in the new market district. Also, to note, I am a big supporter of a permanent farmer's market in the area. I think there is a lot of synergy between the permanent farmers market and the weekend market, and it would be a shame to lose the opportunity to create an area of town that would have a strong draw of visitors, shoppers, etc. during the weekend.

There is much nostalgia associated with Saturday Market and it is difficult to imagine it in another location. Much of the charm of the existing location is being able to duck underneath the bridge when it's raining.

NO Waterfront! keep out of the park!

I'd prefer to see the market in the Old Town area - which could use the economic benefit and shoppers.

The proximity of Light rail is necessary. And the present location makes that hard to beat.

If G is selected, you need to consider how Barcelona handles booths on Las Ramblas.

Barcelona also has several markets that combine food and craft or other retail activities under one roof.

Anything that gets more people on S. Park Blocks, food service, trade activity (legal) is to be encouraged, but the present site sure has a lot going for it.

I think the Rose Quarter is the best choice as it too is close to mass transit, but also has ample parking. A move to the Quarter would also allow that site to begin to meet its potential.

Keep this Portland institution as is - there are enough buildings and parking lots downtown already!!

I really like where it is now, and having the MAX to save on traffic & transportation costs supports the city and the local businesses. Please do not change a good thing.

needs to be easily accessible by foot and car too.

if the Rose Quarter was easy to access, then that would have been my first choice. whoever designed that building did not plan for people to use it.

A and B are easily accessible to the Pearl district et al.

Do we want to abandon ties with historic Portland in favor of the affluent? Portland is becoming everything that people move here to get away from.

My only pick is "E". Please keep the Saturday Market at the current site. Its silly to move it for more million-dollar, property tax free condos. (And lets not play the "their not free" game. \$147 in taxes for a \$2.5 million condo is just sickening.)

Most likely you will have them built, as most things the public wants (or doesnt want, like light rail) are actually disregarded in this city anyway.

So at least do not give them "tax free" status. The rich folks building & buying the condos dont need a break, the schools do.

whatever you do, please do not move the Market to the Rose Quarter/Coliseum!

I don't quite understand the need to move the Saturday Market in the first place. "Economic development" isn't, to me, an adequate reason to change something that works so well. The present site has several things going for it. The most important thing is it's accessibility. None of the other sites are as close to MAX stop. Only the Morrison Bridge site offers shade, which is, in the summer, one of the best thing about the Saturday Market.

I think that the two best options for the possible future site are either (D) the Waterfront Park area or (G) the South Park Blocks. Option D has the benefits of being near the current site, so that people don't get confused, of having an area that is under the bridge for rainy days, and of being within easy reach of current public transportation routes. Option G would be nice because it would tie in with the farmers' market that already takes place in the Park Blocks, because it is an easy walk from both current and future public transport routes and because its linear layout would make it a little more easily navigable.

I would argue very strongly against sites A, B and C. None of them are centrally located, and in the case of C, the area around them is not very nice at all. (I remember having the hardest time in the last 7 or 8 miles of the Portland Marathon because we were going through the cement jungle that is around site C - it was very, very disheartening.) Sites A & B aren't very easily accessed by public transportation.

Site F at Morrison Bridge might work, although Morrison Bridge is not easily negotiated by foot or bicycle.

I like the idea of a combined public/farmer's market. I rather miss the old markets at Yamhill, and on Broadway...But no market will work until the street people are dealt with...I hate taking my daughter into downtown now. If we could put in some public restrooms at least. I do not enjoy stepping over feces and through puddles of urine, much less verbal assaults and threats. It doesn't feel safe. And if it doesn't feel safe, no one will go!

Keep the Saturday Market downtown and as close to the existing site as possible - Old Town has that funky, eclectic feeling that is due in large part to the existence of the PSM. There really is not a whole lot of positive activity that goes on in the area, and losing the Saturday Market would be a major disadvantage for trying to improve the area.

In addition, I think most Portlanders who attend the PSM at all connect the market to the site - and it really wouldn't be the same if it moved very far away. Particularly bad would be a site like the one at the Rose Quarter, which is way too open to contain and amplify the energy of the market, which feeds off of its surroundings.

A location in downtown also makes it more available to people who live in the area, as well as those taking mass transit or parking nearby in any of the parking garages.

What I think really makes its current site work so well in Old Town is the Ankeny Plaza, the fountain and other genuine historic atmosphere that gives it some extra character - not that the Market couldn't exist elsewhere successfully, but I think it would benefit even more to be in or near the current space that it occupies.

Just my \$.02 from a PSU architecture student...

I like shopping in the cave that is Saturday Market. It's protected and the bridge overhead makes it a special space, protected from the weather, as if we were at a rave or other secret party.

I'm 44; I've been shopping at Saturday Market for years. Don't move it.

I don't see any reason to move the Market.

The edge of the pearl district is a bad place for the market. The space will be developed before long, no doubt. The market is such a classic and lovely piece of Portland that it must continue. It is wonderful that craftspeople are able to have this outlet in our city.

Must be a major public space

Why would you want to move this "institution" for so many years? It is perfectly located in a not-too-congested area. Please consider keeping it there.

I value the Saturday Market. As most everyone who lives here knows it is a real treasure. I would love to see it remain where it is at. I'm afraid that any move would jepordize it's stabiltiy.

Equally as important is that so many vendors depend on it as a way to either make a living or subliment it.

Preferably the Rose Quarter, as it is a clean site, very easy access by light rail. Thank you for asking for my opinion.

My top 3 choices is C. Rose Quarter/Coliseum, F. Morrison Bridge Blocks, and 3rd choice is B. NW Hoyt & Fifth Blocks in that order. Preferably the Rose Quarter, as it is a clean site, very easy access by light rail. Thank you for asking for my opinion.

Saturday Mkt. is a Portland treasure. It's current location draws tourists and customers who may not be seeking it out until they see it from the MAX as they ride the train. I think the Market will wither and die if moved away from the MAX. It is a tourist destination point that is under-appreciated by most Portland residents. I am from the Midwest and there is nothing quite like this unique marketplace anywhere else in the country. Please make it easier for it to thrive.

I would like to see it next to a Public Farmers Market and have them both in and around a permanent building structure - year round access.

Thank you.

While no longer a regular patron of Saturday Market, I believe it is a very strong draw for tourists and newly settling Portland residents. I often bring guests there. I therefore think it's important to keep the Market near the downtown core, thus readily accessible and somewhat visible, yet to not allow it to impose on parts of the downtown that have a very different feeling. The three sites I've listed below seem acceptable in this regard. By contrast, the Rose Quarter is too far removed from the active city core, and the South Park blocks have a far different ambience, which would not mesh well with the Market.

The idea of moving Saturday Market to me would be like completely changing the layout of the city on the weekends. It is a staple of our city and what some of us look forward to every weekend. Please don't move the market. I can not imagine Portland without Saturday Market right in the heart of downtown's water front...

The U&R Blocks are close to the end of North Park Blocks and adacent to the train station. Very visible and open and an extension of the Park Block rennovation towards the river. This location is a terrific site that needs some activities to animate the space. The Saturday

Market and the Public (food) Market would do well to locate nearby each other. Shared outdoor space for example.

Waterfront park is close to the old location and bridges Burnside north and south in a manner similar to the current location. It is the City's market, not south of Burnside or north of Burnside neighborhoods. Yet it brings the two divergent districts together.

Morrison Bridge site is similar to the current market location. It is also highly visible and available to a lot of people. On the light rail line, too.

ON NO account should it be subsumed into the South Park Blocks. The South park blocks are already thriving and this is an opportunity to locate a significant "destination" activity in an under-utilized area.

Rose Quarter is far too inaccessible. NW Hoyt is too distant and not visible enough.

I think the Market should retain a presence on the west side because of ease of access. An "under a bridge location" certainly helps in inclement weather and proximity to light rail makes access and parking much easier.

I have been going to Saturday Market since moving to Portland in 2000, and I feel that moving it to a new location would be a huge mistake. We have already lost many landmarks due to urban renewal, and a relocation of the site would mean the ending of a Portland tradition. The Portland Saturday Market has been a staple in the downtown area, and has proven to be a huge success in bringing the whole community together. The only thing that moving the Saturday Market would accomplish is to cause an uproar within the community. Creating a new upscale farmer's market to replace the Saturday market would make us just like any other city. You know what they say: Location, Location, Location! Please consider what I am saying, and don't move the Saturday Market to a new location.

My top three choices

- 1) Current Site/Market District. A joint Farmers Market at this location would be ideal!!!
 - 2) South Park Blocks. It is beautiful but I think that parking will be a problem and sales will suffer
 - 3) Waterfront Park. Not ideal but with some capitol investments it could prove to be a great option!
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I think there is real value in keeping the Saturday Market located under the Burnside bridge. It's an excellent use for the underside of such a structure. If there isn't enough room there and/or the areas not on the underside of the bridge have better uses, expand the Market to the underside of other bridges too, but don't move it from Burnside. Part of the charm of the Saturday Market is being outside on a rainy day, undercover of the bridge. I also like the idea of relocating it near the train Station but think the site could be better used (plus it's kinda out of the way). Eventually you'll have someone wanting to develop that site too and the Market will just get pushed around.

I think the Saturday Market needs to be a permanent fixture in Portland and needs a permanent home too.

Please keep the market at it's current location. Being in old town is the main appeal and charm of the market for myself and for visitors to Portland.

Portland has few true tourist draws, saturday market is one of the most important. The combination of old town, being under the bridge with the max, and the indoor shopping, make saturday market what it is.
Moving the Market will be a major loss for the community.

DON'T MESS with an institution! Make sure any site is COVERED and easily accessible by public transportation (IE light rail/street car, not bus)

I'm glad to see that the Saturday Market will still operate in the city.

Please don't put it in the South Park Blocks that area is so peaceful and lovely it would be a shame to disturb the tranquility. We need places like that around our beautiful city.

This activity is another of PDC's misguided attempts at "redeveloping" something that doesn't need to be redeveloped. IF PDC wanted to do something right, it would help Sat. Mkt. purchase the land it currently leases, rather than be a pawn for developers wanting to make a quick \$\$ and take another piece of our city's soul.

If Sat. Mkt. is moved from it's current site, our household no longer has a reason to go to that part of the city. Our favorite asian businesses have moved to 82nd or elsewhere, Oregon Mtn. Community moved to Sandy Blvd (to make way for another PDC project that is likely to fail...the rebuilding of a perfectly good fire station on a new site).

Access to Sat. Mkt. by Max, bike and walking is great. Few of the other sites can beat it's easy access for both cars and other modes. It is also in a great location to link trips to other stores, restaurants, galleries, etc.

Can you imagine Seattle today, if, in the 1970's, the City had told Victor Steinbrueck and his gang to "go away, and take Pike Place Market with you?" Maybe relocate it to some "underutilized" industrial land several blocks south of the former Kingdome?

If we are to continue to "keep Portland weird," and continue to maintain that "livability" hat has made us so famous, we need to get over the "highest use is the best use" philosophy. Monuments to funk like Saturday Market need to be in core urban places, and not pushed under bridges or to the dead zones called Rose Quarter, or Sites A & B.

We should keep it where it is. It has become an instution in that spot. Having the MAX next to it is great for shoppers.

Strongly prefer that Market stays where is...

Just fine where it is. When my relatives come to visit,we jump on Max and we're right there.....thx

It would be great to see Centennial Mill utilized for a public market.! In addition to perhaps using it as a public market, in addition, would tie in the history of Portland and it's waterfront. It would be similar to Pikes Place Market in Seattle, and even the new renovated Ferry Building in San Francisco. Again, utilizing, in addition to saving a piece of history, Centennial Mills, would be a wonderful story and public use. With the suggested public market, it would bring in revenue to help maintain the building in the renovation.I hope you will consider this!!!

This market is a favorite for my guests from out of town. I'm sure you know it's a big draw for a lot of people from surrounding areas, including SW WA.

We support the idea of moving the market to a more permanent location. One where the market can be opened all year round. We prefer the Morrison Bridge Blocks due to the ease of the transportation issue. I.E. on the MAX line.

Also, the market should be covered in a tent, tent like structure or car port type structure, along with monitored and clean restroom availability.

I love Saturday market and visit often. I will not drive downtown and rely on the MAX. If Saturday market is moved off of the Max system I not be able to shop there.

The inner east side needs an activity like the Saturday and Sunday Market to bring the area some commerce and positive occupation in spaces that are abandoned on weekends and when there isn't an event scheduled. The Rose garden space (that had been developed with public money) has served only a few people who go to sports events and rock concerts. The space should serve a broader population.

There needs to be a broader access by foot, max and bicycle to the Saturday Market. Having it on the east side of town will help to achieve that goal.

The Rose Quarter site is the only one that I really don't like, but I do think the current site is the best!

I hope that the market can remain where it is; it's a good site!

My preference would be the Market stay where it is. The development of that area of Old Town should include the Market in it's current site. Upgrading the site and developing some weekday uses should be the focus, not moving the market.

market should be kept as close to the max line as possible while still retaining as much available parking as possible within walking distance.

The Saturday Market that everyone knows and loves needs to stay where it is. If you move it, it will lose it's character and perhaps, die. Don't mess with a good thing.

I still don't understand why it needs to be moved. In this state it is imperative that it remains in a covered, paved, location due to our weather. Being on the max line is extremely important as well due to parking issues and simply for convenience. I am much more inclined to go to the market because of its simple access than if I have to hoof across town and try to remember where I parked, etc.

We need to keep the market in a location near the Max lines.

I do think it is important to find a permanent site.

I have been a vendor for 16 years at the market, and a move will have a major impact on my business.

For the last six years since moving to Portland I have personally spoken to John Beardsley and other land owners in the area about the plight of Portland developments especially Saturday Market. As a non native my views are not biased by being native or any financial reasons. I consider myself a forward thinking creative person with background in building, architecture and have lived in larger cities. As PDC has swung into action with its city wide regentrification program it has overlooked PDX's major need creating an identity for Portland to bring visitors and their revenue to PDX. Portland to outsiders is famous for nothing except rain and micro brew beer, and those specifics are not going to bring people to PDX. Until all of these rocket scientists come up with a plan that puts PDX on the lips of people in Cleveland and Sydney the city and county will continue to suffer the plight of no out of state revenue. My plan has been simple from the very start PDX because of its rain soaked winters should become famous for the world's largest amount of atrium space, starting with covering the skidmore area and keeping Saturday Market open year round and at night. Picture shops and street musicians an almost marte gras feel to the whole area. This not only stimulates local people to come even during inclement weather but will draw people from around the globe. Atrium construction at least done in the private sector without inflated city budgets is totally possible. Find contractors willing to put some sweat equity into their city without following past examples of city projects done at one and a half times the cost of private sector projects. Emphasize bang for the buck in city projects. One would think with the vast resources and all the city owned equipment that the average projects would cost half of the same private sector developments up to now this has not happened. Even when hiring private companies the inflated bids and prevailing wage union projects are completed at ridiculous costs to the tax payer. Who in comparison would never spend that kind of money on their own homes without receiving the added benefits. So let's get it together stop thinking short term profits and salaries for PDC staff this is your city where GOD forbid any type of serious recession hits the country and PDX hits the list of least sustainable cities. Where is the community pride if I have it as a non native PDC should reevaluate its sense of loyalty and community concern.

Beyond the idea of moving the market, I have a concern about the property it is on. I'm hoping that you are not planning some sort of Pike Street Market there, or really anywhere in Portland. An effort to get that going and have farmers there as well as other food vendors would: a) hurt all of the farmers markets around the city and b) cause people to drive more, leaving their neighborhoods for food shopping. Now is the time to get people to drive less, not more.

As far as Saturday Market goes, either leave it where it is or as close as possible to the existing location. It is a Portland institution that needs to run on weekends only, so the

crafters can make their wares during the week.

If you feel that the current site must be moved, then any alternative must be close to the same location.

I don't know how the permanent stores feel about the market, but I know as a customer, the market is an event as I have to drive 50 miles to get to it. Once the marketing is done, we walk around the downtown and visit the shops there. I feel that there is probably a lot of money spent in the area around the market that is incidental to the money spent at the market. It is also imperative that there be parking available. I think that the G site would be totally inadequate in that respect.

The site should be on the tram/rail lines, so the best choices would be D, F, or B. I just hope that the sites have some undercover areas to allow a respite from the rain.

Please keep our Saturday Market where it is.

It needs to be in downtown, not stuck in the desolate blocks by Greyhound and the Broadway Bridge. It doesn't belong near the Coliseum.

It needs to be near the bus mall to help the downtown economy and make the market easier to get to. Few buses go down Salmon, almost no buses go up Main, Madison or Jefferson. Naito Parkway is almost impossible to cross safely.

Its current site is best. Providing more shade in the current site would be beneficial.

If the Market must be moved, setting it under the Morrison Bridge would put it on the #14 bus line, one of the most frequent bus lines in the city. But again, wouldn't people have to cross Naito Parkway? Believe me, those cars don't stop.

I favour its current location.

Think current site is ideal.

I moved here recently after ten years of wanting to live in Portland. I think it will be a major shame if the market has to move and don't understand why it shouldn't be considered an anchor for any redevelopment of the area. That being said, I do understand that times change. My third choice, U & R blocks, would probably be the easiest for a long term solution once the development of the area for the PSM is put into place, but I am uncertain how the neighbors will take it.

I like options D, E, F and G. The south park blocks would be great, provided the market does not interfere with the Portland Farmers Market. A closer tie to the river (Options D and F) would also be good.

I live in the Northwest and would say that my visits to Saturday market would be infrequent if they occurred at all if Site C is selected. I have trouble imagining taking tourists/friends over to our beautiful craft market right by the stadium and coliseum (in their current state). Also, I do not see A & B working due to the high population of drug abusers/homeless in the area. The populations are similar at the existing location, but the Max stop and bridge provide an insulating effect. Also, the current location is closer to downtown, which is desirable.

Good luck with your decision!

I feel strongly that Saturday Market ought to remain in the downtown area near the river and as centrally located as possible. It is part of what defines the central city; it's an attraction for visitors and livens up the waterfront on weekend mornings. I would not want a move to 5th and Hoyt, the Rose Quarter, or the South Park Blocks. The U&R Blocks are an interesting opportunity, but ultimately too far removed from the water and the central city.

It is high on my prioritylist that the Saturday Market has overhead coverage. It is no fun to shop in the rain or huddle inside a booth to stay dry. If it at the Waterfront Park, how will it keep from turning into a mud hole? Can a permanent stage be built?

I'm appalled that they are considering moving it down by the Greyhound bus Station where seedy elements abound. It will keep many people away .

The PDC once again has its priorities misaligned. The PSM is a fixture in Old Town. To move for parking is a ridiculous measure. After the recent neative events at the PDC I don't believe that anyone can trust the PDC to do anything without some underhanded directive.

please leave market at current location

My late son and I were PSM vendors for 24 years.

Leave it alone! It's on the MAX line and partially covered. Spruce it up, if you must, but leave it there!

It needs to have a significant portion of it under cover AND be close to light-rail.

The A, B, and C sites would place Saturday Market too far end from the cetral downtown area - detracting from the dynamic feel of the area around Sat. Mkt. The C & D sites seem likely to conflict with other events & activities.

I think A, B, C are too far out and since the Max does not run to A & B areas at this time it would be a mistake in my opinion to move it to that particular area, this could potentially hurt the artists who depend on Saturday Market.. I really like where the market is right now as it's so easy to hop off the train and your there! I love the fountain, the built-in shops, the covered area for booths so when it is raining you can take cover. The bathrooms are great too! I know Skidmore Market isn't associated with you guys but I would miss that part of it as well as there are some nice things to look at on that side of the tracks. So if SM can't stay put I would love to see it at Waterfront Park! Still would be super easy to get too and what a great way to use that space! Thanks for listening!!

I live in west Washington County - that means a 30 minute drive + over 1 hour on Max to get to the Market now... a 3+ hour round trip.

If you move to the east side I'll stop coming... it won't be worth it.

Please stay on west side as close to the Max line as possible. Staying under a bridge is good - keeps shoppers & vendors dry when it rains... and warmer, too.

Really, staying where you are is the best possible plan - it works, don't try to fix it!

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- Site F balances proximity to east and west sides, as well as bringing residents close to the Waterfront Park amenity.

- Sites B & A balance proximity to east and west sides.

- Site C is a bleak, un-friedly area for pedestrians and bikers, at least until there is further development. Would reduce market usage in my opinion.

- Site D: please don't site anymore activities and events at the Park. This green amenity practically disappears during summer because of all the commercial activities on it.

- Site G is too far south and west. It crosses a psychological border for eastsiders and is too close to the Farmers Market

A hugh tourist draw!!! Keep it near max line

If it did not interfere with the Farmers Market, Saturday market would be a nice complement on the South Park blocks, access and parking is an issue, though.

I think the Saturday Market's location of the last 25 years is steeped in history, and makes an ideal location with it's proximity to existing MAX lines, Burnside Bridge, and it's central location. It would be a shame to see it moved.

1. Waterfront Park for exact summary of pluses and minimal minuses listed on siting notes. Outweighs other sites.

Leaving it where it is, is the best option, but moving to the Rose Quarter could work out well too.

I prefer the current location. why fix something that isn't broken. I read some articles recently that suggested that the site be transformed into a farmers market once saturday market is gone. But why not incorporate a market during the week? Sell farm produce monday through friday and on the weekend set up saturday market. They can share the space and that way there would always be something interesting going on at that location.

It would be like Pikes Place Market in Seattle and would already have an established location.

Thank you for making this open to opinion.

Covered protection is essential to entice people to regularly shop. The open air spaces such as Waterfront park will only work for good weather. (witness the substantial drop in attendance for such events as the Rose Festival when it rains.)

Weather protection for both the merchants and buyers is necessary for success. Moving more into the minimally used Market building (near Saturday Market might also be possible)

I am a full time Craft/Artsit and have recently moved to The Pacific Northwest. I am seriously considering trying the PSM. I am very interested in it's future. I believe it needs to attract a more upscale clientel and improve the quality of the location and artists.

Any where near the MAX Light Rail station would be OK,

Please - keep the Saturday Market alive and well. We've been going to the market since 1972 - what a shame to move it and lose it... all in the name of "progress"?!

I think moving Saturday Market from it's current location will cause it to lose some of the charm that makes it such a Portland staple.

Waterfront Park is most like the present, which I like a lot.

Morrison Bridge would bring weekend life into that part of downtown.

U&R would draw people into a new area, and make Union Station more of a landmark anchor point.

I think it's important to keep Saturday Market out of the Pearl District

stop giving money to peapol who can't manage it.

work with the property owners to invest thier own money in this venture.
as a public agency , help them with the tax insentives.

You have waisted \$4,000,000 buying the skidmore building for the saturday market few years ago. What came of that project?

You need a better partner who inderstand business and can invest his own money.

I'd like to be able to go to a location that is conducive to a market and I think that the park blocks is a good place since there are so many fairs already. It is already close to the max/street car lines also.

Using my voice.

Leave it where it is. History matters. you can't just move suff around and claim to respect the social fabric of a city.

As a regular customer with memeries of visiting saturday market as a child, the locatoin C (Rose Quarter/Coliseum) does not fit the member I want my kids to remember when they visit saturday market.

Leave the market where it is...

The current location helps bring people into Old Town/Chinatown; these neighborhoods need an economic boost.

Therefore, I recommend retaining the market as close to its current location as possible - Waterfront Park or Market District seem idea to me, since Saturday Market and festivals are a good combination. NW Hoyt & Fifth might help bring some action to a park Old Town that is dead on the weekends.

South Park Blocks - Unless a parking structure is going to be built, would be difficult. Parking is very tight in this area.

Lloyd Center and Rose Quarter are my least favorite options....wrong scale for the Saturday Market and not central enough.

i hope the city of portland can find a way to keep the saturday market in its current location. i've been coming to the market for years and will continue to come for the sense of community, the opportunity to support local art and craft, and - let's be honest - old times' sake. we humans, as much as we'd like to think we're all adaptable, resist change. as a small business owner, i know how relocation alters the demographics of the clientele, and how long it can take for the business to recover from the switch. i believe portland won't abandon the market wherever it lives, but some artists for whom the market is barely profitable may be forced to withdraw, and i will miss them.

if the market must relocate, please push for a location that is economically similar and also close to the existing lightrail and also as accessible to wheeled modes of transportation. thanks, and good luck.

My first choice is for Saturday Market to stay where it is. This is convenient to light rail, with a parking structure nearby, and it is sheltered from the weather to some extent. We have shopped at Christmas time when it was cold and snowing and found Saturday Market then as good as in the summer. I cannot imagine doing Christmas anymore without a trip down during the week before. And I do that trip totally on public transit and foot.

If it absolutely has to move, currently Waterfront Park is the best of the choices, although it would put things much more out in the open unless a structure is added. And that would mess up our nice open riverside.

Beyond that, in the future A or B might be ok--I know less about them--but only when light rail is an actually for transportation.

Of the others, South Park blocks has enough going on and does not need anything to be added, the Morrison Bridge area is too busy with traffic, and the Rose Quarter is just a bad idea (but don't get me started on that).

Saturday Market is one of those wonderful attractions that makes Portland unique and I think gives added value to the city beyond mere money/exchange of goods. It should be left where it is and assisted to be all it can be--with easy access and wonderful merchants.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. My 'vote' is for E.

E! The Market should stay under the bridge because of the frequent wet days. It also would nicely compliment the Farmers Market idea. Pike's Place Market has a craft vendor section too which makes it work. In fact Saturday Market could be open every day in some capacity. Some of the vendors may want to be open more than just 2 days a week. The weekday crafts market could also include imports possibly to fill it up.

Personally, I find the idea of moving the Saturday Market a sad statement about the inflated value our society puts on money and how it eclipses our shared value of history. A previous email indicated how I feel - anything but the current location is just plain wrong.

That being said, the two best alternatives to the current site of the Market seem to logically be those closest to it's current location - Waterfront Park (D.) and the other noted location with the highest social visibility - The South Park Blocks (G.)

I think the reasoning behind the Waterfront Park proposal are many and obvious - it is close to the old site, and on an easily identifiable landmark for out of towners who do not visit the market often to find.

The South Park Blocks would work well because of the high visibility attainable with PSU, as I am sure the University would exploit a partnership to raise not only their own visibility but that of the Market as well. This relationship would offer the market publicity and resources much more diverse than it may already have, and it still is in a nice location that is lively, especially with the frequent lunchtime concerts there and multitude of college students around. It could also be used to share history about the city of Portland, and was originally dedicated for public use as parkland so long ago. Why not use it as a venue to bring publicity and increased familiarity to PSU, the Art Museum, Oregon Historical Society and an all around beautiful part of town?

Mollie and I urge the Portland Saturday Market to retain as much as possible, the somewhat casual and friendly nature of the existing marketplace.

We travel to Portland every two or three months, as do many others, and our number one priority is to stop at the Portland Market. In doing so, we stay in local hotels, eat at local restaurants, and enjoy a number of retail outlets in the Portland area.

A few small items that are often missed in considering the out of towners like us: We bring in cash to the local economy. We take with us goods and enjoy services not readily at hand here in Western Washington. The impact of our visit to the Portland Market is far more widespread than most people would realize. We tour the antique stores in Sellwood, we sometimes stay in Cascade Locks, we have a favorite restaurant in Hood River. We have a niece and nephew in Hillsboro, we have friends in Salem, and we like the market in Eugene as well.

I urge Portland to plan carefully for the future of it's unique market, and the preserve its charector and the reasons it brings Mollie and I to western Oregon.

I think the Best place would be Pioneer Courthouse Square. On the list, I would choose the Park Blocks, Waterfront park with a cool wrought iron (with glass roof?) permanent covering structure, and no 3rd choice. The whole situation is very difficult. Most of the people I talk to say "What??? They can't move Saturday Market," yet, it is in such an undesirable area now that it is difficult to get people to come there. A lot of people are afraid to come to that part of town now.

I love Saturday Market where it is presently. I ALWAYS take out of town visitors there if they are here for a weekend and they TOTALLY enjoy it especially with protection from the elements being under the the bridge.

My only comment regarding the relocation of the Saturday Market is this: it must be within ONE block of the MAX line or it isn't going to be on my list of destinations. Parking is limited and walking and carrying purchases is scary at times. The appeal of the current site is its access to the MAX line. Riders are able to hop on/off easily without fear of being followed by some lowlife that's been sleeping under a bridge that night. By all means expand and improve. It's too crowded, but make it safe and easy to get to.

Please just make sure there's adequate parking or that it's near a bus/max line. Thanks!

F would not be bad, but there isn't much space. D would work in a pinch, though there would be no covered space. C being on the East Side might cause the Market to lose attendance, there being little else nearby.

But my strongest objections would be to G. The Farmer's Market on the lower block is not a bad use, but the space is limited and the booths often spill over across the street in the roped-off area by the Schnitz. I cannot imagine the 3 square blocks the market now occupies being squeezed into the two blocks proposed. Much of that space is taken up with trees and benches. I would strongly object to any of these being removed, as this would be alter the character of the Park Blocks from unhurried leisure and openness to cramped and noisy commerce. As it is, there is hardly any grass left around the Lincoln statue, and the market would do away with the rest. You might look at my affiliation and conclude I am expressing a NIMBY attitude. No. We loved having the motorcyclists, the wine festival, the various short-duration, occasional events; they work fine. Twenty years of Saturday Market, however, overcrowding the space available, would work to no one's benefit. As long as there are better alternative sites, please consider them and take the South Park Blocks off the list.

Bus service (and parking) are important. Should be near other interesting venues.

As a native Portlander, I know that the market has always been a place for not only the locals, but for the visitors as well. It has become a central place of activity in the downtown area on the weekends. There is a certain feel that has developed there over the 30 some years the market has been around, something that is distinctly Portland.

I understand that circumstances change and I do not know the background as to why there is talk of moving the market. If it is necessary for the good of the community at large, that is one thing, but as we all know, these decisions are often made in the best interest of economic development.

If there is a desire to develop the space leased by the market, I think that is not worth the trade of what would be lost if the market is moved. The market has had 30 years of developing its character and the character of downtown life in Portland. That's not something that can just be picked up and moved.

I urge you to make the decision based on the interests of all the people.

The south park blocks are part of the growing Cultural/University District. These were designed as an open space, not a permanent home for a messy market. This market wouldn't fit in such a tight space, designed as a park. People come to the Park blocks for a variety of reasons, including the Oregon Historical Society, The Portland Art Museum, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, Portland State University (the park blocks were recently identified in a campus survey as a key image of PSU). As this area becomes more residential as well, (the Eliot, The Benson, The Roosevelt Tower, University Park is now condominiums), the Park blocks have become the front and back yards for these places. If they are lost to a marketplace, their value is narrowed significantly.

Top choice:

U&R Blocks:

-Close to regional transit (including proposed MAX Green Line) -Fits into waterfront area/traditional market atmosphere -Blocks there need development and attraction -Lots of room for necessary amenities -People getting off the city bus, the greyhound bus, the train, or the regional light rail, all have a wonderful place to eat and purchase local goods.

Waterfront Park

Easy solution:

Move it across the street, so they can develop the current site. People who have loved to go to Saturday Market for the last 28 years will not have to find a new location. Many businesses do this same thing, to gain more space, and the result is often positive. The Safeway on 10th and Jefferson did this, and I believe that was a win-win situation.

Morrison Bridge

-Lots of parking (big suprise, people still use cars occasionally, no matter how much we tell ourselves that they use mass transit) -Under the bridge (it rains in Portland once in a while) -Near old location -Near Waterfront (can be a part of other festivities that take place at Waterfront Park) -Side streets would be good for the intensive loading and unloading associated with Saturday Market

Location needs to have available parking, easy access to MAX and attract visitors to downtown.

Anything close to the Pearl is discouraging because of the parking problems.

Why does it have to be downtown? Why not someplace which needs help like the Coliseum or the Expo Center?

Two votes for the current site (not the entire Market District)

One votes for the Morrison Bridge Blocks.

While I have only lived here this current school year, (I attend Lewis & Clark College), I have spent most of my weekends either downtown or in one of the districts in Portland, and much of that time has been at Saturday Market. I don't know if it's still happening, but I think that the Farmer's Market wanted to move to the site where Saturday Market currently is? Anyway, keeping it by the water would be best, and keeping it on the west side is even better - moving it over to the east I think would change who would go - and that could be a good and/or bad thing, but I know I'd be less likely to go if it were moved over by the Rose Quarter. Even though it's in the fareless square and relatively painless to get there, I find that I spend much more of my time on this side of the river.

We would prefer either convenience for customers. Site A would also work for us.

The perceived need for something else on the present site of the Portland Saturday Market is an exercise in self-delusion. Get over yourselves.

I see no reason to move from the current location, which has worked marvelously well for 30 years.

My first choice would be the existing location, E. Second and third choices would be D and F, because they are in the same vicinity, are close to light rail and have a reasonable amount of cover.

Please don't move the Saturday Market!

As close as possible to current site, Max and parking. Of all choices, Park Blocks seems WORST.

The current site, "E" is the one that I most want for PSM. I moved 3000 miles 10 years ago to be a part of this market. I support my family on the income from this location, and I have 2 part time employees as well. Without the traffic and visibility and the continuity of

this valuable institution Portland would lose tourist appeal and beauty. We need to work on supporting our vibrant local economy. If this becomes a "market district" then we ARE the market. Anything else would be a rider, an overlap, capitalizing on our tremendous public draw. Despite consistent pigeonholing by the media as a hippy-niche market where everyone eats elephant ears and wears tiedye, this market showcases cutting edge designers and artists, and provides a stepping stone for many careers. I have heard interesting vouching for site "B" as well, including the proximity of light rail expansion and possibility of building permanent structures to support the market's needs. F would be loud polluted and difficult to access. C is too out of the way G provides no cover and is out of the shopping district A doesn't have much appeal, just more grit.

My first choice is to leave Saturday Market as is in its present location. Is 30 years not a permanent location?

I don't go often to Saturday market, but occasionally. It is a Portland institution. I have guests who visit and specifically ask to go to Saturday market. I believe it should stay as close to downtown as possible.

A few years back when some work was being done at the Saturday Market site it was moved, temporarily, to another location. It did not work. Where it is now is just perfect. I suggest designing the new building to enhance the market with shops etc. If you move it you will kill it.

Please keep it where it is. It is convenient by train and I love the fountain.

These two sites are my preference as it moves it away from public park which I feel it encroaches upon at times now. It also moves it to an area near future light rail and will help lift an area which is prime for redevelopment.

Please get it out of downtown! It's an eyesore.

The one site not mentioned is the BEST site for the public market. That is the Galleria. I suggested this site years ago to some committee members, but it was shot down for some reason. The Galleria has perfect access to transit (Max and streetcar), has an enclosed facility, but one that is very open (atrium style), that could be developed in the model of the Pike Place market in Seattle. And the Chef School being in the building is a perfect blending of farmer's market, seafood, meats, and maybe restaurants, as well as arts and crafts that Saturday Market is known for.

That would have been my #1 vote. Since this doesn't seem to be in the cards (not a surprise that what I consider the best site is not in the running), so I'll choose the next best alternative. If a better site than the current one can't be arrived at, then I vote to leave it where it is now until one is. Currently, only the South Park Blocks looks appealing as an alternative.

All of these sites have parking problems. It appears that the committee is trying to force use of public transportation.

Some years ago I decided to use public transportation rather than drive my car.

A trip by car was about 8 minutes
By public transportation, more than 45 minutes.

I only did this once for obvious reasons.

Portland does not have adequate public transportation. No wonder our streets, highways and parking are overcrowded.

Good luck on location selection.

I think that it would be a travesty to move the Saturday market to either the Park Blocks or Waterfront park. Instead the Morrison Bridge Blocks provide a similar environment to the current location without infringing on the current uses of both the Park blocks and the waterfront.

The Saturday Market should stay in the Central City area, as near the River as possible. There should be room for future expansion.

I think the D. Site - Waterfront Park would be good. Its a nice area that offers all that is specified in the requirements, I think, and it just " feels " more like Portland than a site further away from the river.

I believe that the market should stay livable as it is a Portland insitution enjoyed by locals and many visitors as well. Please do not do away with it or make it unaccessible to the public. Must have easy access to all.

As somebody who is very experienced with small business, relocations of businesses that are visited by consumers intermittently rarely payoff. It would be a terrible mistake to move Saturday Market. If you do move it, do not go more than a couple of blocks away and make sure the new site is visible from the old.

Leave the market at its current location. The charm of venues like the Saturday Market comes from their evolving over time and not being overly planned. The market has become a much-loved quirky Portland institution and I believe that moving the market to a new site will destroy the underlying spirit of the market.

As the bumper stickers say, "Keep Portland Weird!"

I think it's important to keep the Saturday Market very close to light rail to make it accessible to the largest number of people.

Here are my top three selections for Saturday Market. It is essential that the market be close to public transit, i.e. the MAX. My family does not drive downtown or to any of the other sites listed. Portland wants us to use public transit (we are not bike riders) and we try our best.

I live close to the market - over the Burnside Bridge in SE - and enjoy walking to the market. Have always thought the convenience of the stalls under the bridge as a good use of that space.

I like the Waterfront Park idea the best, followed by the market district. I don't think it belongs in Northwest.

Saturday Market currently takes up the equivalent of a very crowded 4 BLOCKS, NOT 2. That leaves out A & B as too small. Not to mention too far away from MAX. Also, the South Park Blocks would be nice, but does not fit a lot of the criteria I noted above (cover, aisles, flat paved area, parking, etc) I would not want our Saturday Market anywhere near Paul Allen's sticky fingers. (Also, no parking.) As for the current site - I see no reason at all why the site couldn't be developed as the new building on the south side of the fountain, with the courtyard & 2 parking lots developed as the Market itself, making it a pleasant weekday courtyard for the building's residents & downtown workers. We CERTAINLY DON'T NEED ANY MORE OVERPRICED CONDOS DOWNTOWN!

I understand the need for an easily accessible location. The U&R Blocks, current site and NW Hoyt & 5th would get my vote. Thank you for encouraging public input. Sarah Capps Davis

I love the Saturday Market ! I always take out of town visitors to the Market if at all possible and they are amazed that vendors sell genuine hand-made articles, not just imported junk. The existing site is good because it's mostly under cover, but it's not too smart. I would not bother to visit a fancy indoor boutique kind of place. The appeal of the Market is that it's slightly crummy, people take their dogs and the vendors are always changing. One year it's hats, the next year it's lanterns or earring racks or whatever. Please keep the market at an OUTDOOR site.

It just seems to fit best where it is right now. It created a market for itself naturally, the other locations seem forced.

I am supportive of many changes in Portland. I love our city and encourage it's growth. But some things need to stay the same, just maybe improve it's current location. Could you imagine if they tried to move the fish market in Seattle. This is already a historical place to a lot of Oregonians. Lets keep it that way and see it in the same place in another 30 years. My kids will be writing this letter then and saying they grew up with Sat. market and so did their parents. Nostalgia has a value.

Permanent locations votes:
top three pics

Morrison Bridge Blocks

Waterfront Park

South Park Blocks- but may be a problem when the Farmers Market is also going on, parking, etc. and too much focused in one area of downtown.

I think it needs to stay out of moving more into the Pearl District as there is already such a tough parking situation there and also so much is focused on that side of town

Leave Saturday Market were its been for the last 30 years. . I have lived in the same house in Portland for 51 years (all my life) and I feel my openion should count for something. My father was born hre (1915), built this house and died here. What the Portland Development Commission has done to my city in the last 10 years has made me sick. They no longer care about the quility of life. I feel all they want is to make money and forget about the people.

When I retire, I'm out of here because of the over-crowding, which causes the high crime rate. I do not feel safe in my city. The current loctation of Saturday Market is the only time I go downtown.

Please leave it where it is

After so many years at the same spot, I saddens me to hear that the PDC is considering relocating the Portland Saturday Market (PSM). The PSM has become a Portland staple and to move it could and most likely would be detrimental to its survival. I fervently suggest the PDC reconsider moving the PSM.

I think it is too bad they have to move. Let them stay where they are.

The Saturday Market should be moved to the Rose Quarter. There is plenty of space, parking, storage, and the lightrail is readily accessible. It would be nice to see this part of NE revitalized.

The obvious choice is for the Market to stay in its' present location. The city should support the Market financially as the Market draws in a huge amount of money for Portland's Tourist trade. If the Market was moved, I wonder just how many people would easily mistake the Skidmore Market on the west side of the tracks as the Portland Saturday Market. What a blow that would be considering it's nothing more than a flea market. If the market were to move to Waterfront Park, would the grass be paved over? Based on the amounts of rain and foot traffic, the grass area would become one huge mud field.

Please keep the market at its current location.

Goodwill is very hard to acheive in the retail sector.

Moving the market will destabilize years of a wonderful, and OK, quirky Portland "tradition".

Moving the market is'nt so much a blow to the market and its vendors as it is a reflection into the "soul" of our city. When I look into the "living room" window of Portland I want to see a place for all ideas to come forth. Our city without such a marketplace is a much more

sterile place. Moving it may make financial or political sense at the time, but Portland has its own quirky, charming reputation to honor. The Saturday market is part of our (Portland's) cultural foundation. Don't trivialize what such a loss would mean.

Honor diversity, keep the market where it is. Warts and all, it's good for us.

Leave the market where it is. There is something to the plan for renewal of the area however there is something more in holding to the quirky traditions that makes Portland - well - Portland. Saturday Mkt is a decades old such tradition. Please go creating a solution in search of a problem.

Hopefully, it will be located next to existing MAX.

I think that if all possible, the current location should be preserved.

Keep the market where it is. It is a Portland institution. Good for the economy. Good for our Spirit. Moving it is just plain stupid change for change's sake.

There's no need to move a symbol of Portland just to make room for "prettier" businesses. The yupification of downtown Portland is getting tiresome at this point. Not everything in town needs to look like NW 23rd or The Pearl. Let us keep a classic symbol of the fun nature of this town as it is.

Because of the central location, MAX accessibility, cover for the elements, and market familiarity, I think Saturday Market should stay where it is currently. I asked everyone in my office and they all agreed (five of us anyway). The other locations seem to all have problems too big to make it worthwhile to relocate. No one wanted to go to the East side (no offense, Eastsiders), the Pearl is too far from the heart of downtown, as is PSU. Waterfront Park has no cover for the elements. Morrison Bridge is the only second choice that makes sense - hard surface, central location, MAX, some weather protection.

This is a tough one. Good luck!

Its great where it is!

Leave the market where it is. Enough of the condos downtown.

Use of the South Park Blocks is completely inappropriate. It would destroy the integrity of the park. The farmers market that is held on Wednesday afternoons on the lower Park blocks is a relatively unobtrusive event - unlike the "product hawking" that characterizes the Portland Saturday Market.

The Roes Quarter/Coliseum offers all of the above the problem would be traffic congestion when the RQ has events that correspond with the Saturday Market hours.

The Coliseum sits empty most of the time this would provide a great venue for the market not unlike Seattles Pike market. vendors would have the option of inside and outside locations. Restrooms are in place and max is close.

Morrison Bridge would be good unless it conflicts with Rose Festival events. However this location may bring more people to the Waterfront during the Rose Festival and help increase their revenues.

Light rail direct connection to Saturday market is vital, T support The Current Site keep Saturday market in close proximity to it original history. Markets Removed from their original history or where they have made history have most always died or changed beyond recognition.

Don't ruin a proven formula. Your alternative site suggestions are ridiculous. Your entire gambit in this regard is ridiculous.

Keep the market where it's always been. To change the location would be akin to casting the first shovel full of dirt into an open grave; a grave that you went and dug with the complete intent of forcing a live burial.

This is not something that you really want to do is it?

If you can't leave well enough along, here are my suggestions.

The markey is an icon of Portland and should not be moved if at all possible--such as keeping the ground level available to the market use on adjacent sites next to the bridge and building above the market (if it has to be developed and built upon).

Tieing into the waterfront also under the Burnside bridge and providing a safe and adequate pedestrian bridge or street crossing mechanism (like gates that shut every 5 minutes with a warning bell to remind people that crossing was available) would also help presevre the current location

The market has a value to Portland as a tourist attraction and something Portland like to visit and know is there. It must remain visible and accesible.

current site is smelly (open sewers) and dirty.

Why move this long lived location for a new one when the old has an "older" charm that a new one won` t be able to duplicate. This wonderful city had so enticed me on a short visit that I actually broke up my past and moved here and that for the charm of OLD WORLD and the NEW.....but don` t we owe it to PDX as well as to ourselves to keep a balance ? Hoping

As a long time citizen of Portland, and even longer of Oregon, I prefer it just where it is. If it must change, I believe the options on the waterfront are best, as one of the nicest qualities of the Market is the option to include a stroll along the waterfront in one's visit. Thank you.

Easy access to the Max is a great advantage to the current site. It has been well known and well attended for the past 30 years by Portlanders and out of town visitors. It is colorful, spontaneous, indigenous. Please don't move it and change it into a market for "upscale" chain stores!

Keep Portland weird; keep Saturday Market funky. Downtown area works. Pearl is oh too trendy, South Blocks feel too congested, even temporarily (& where's the cover?), Rose Quarter needs the help but parking is too expensive and are these 2 compatible?

Waterfront area with cover seems best choice long term. But what about the other side of the river? Is old Produce Row another target for development? PSM could really enliven that area. Anchor with the Esplanade & OMSI.. Tie the East & West-would seem to extend the downtown area. Oh I like this idea. Open spaces, under bridges, personality, little funky. It fits!

I was quite disheartened to learn that the Portland Saturday Market was potentially to be moved. As a native Portlander and long time patron of the market, I feel that the Saturday Market reflects a lot of the positive things that make Portland such a special place. Of course there are problems with the site, but part of the charm of the market is the crowded, labyrinthian corridors that you pass through while taking a spin through the market. I have certainly noticed an increase in crime and public nuisances in the past few years at the current site, but this has not distracted from the charm and history of the current site.

I feel strongly that the Market should remain in its present location. Development of further condominiums or storefronts at this location does not make sense for the citizens of Portland...only the developers. It seems that instead of wasting money with developing a new site that time should be taken now to evaluate how the current site can be re-engineered to better serve the Market's customers and vendors.

Downtown Portland and the Pearl district have become a place where only the rich can afford to shop, buy food and enjoy the services that are offered. The Saturday Market is one of the few remaining parts of downtown that provides affordable food, crafts and local products. We should strive to keep the market in its historical location and improve the facilities, perhaps expanding across the street into Waterfront Park. The Saturday Market is an integral piece of the spirit and charm of Portland's downtown area, without it the entire Market district would be forever changed for the worse.

Going forward the Market could be much better served by new facilities and infrastructure, better lighting and access to more room. It seems that by combining the present site with an expansion across into Waterfront Park we will be able to save the history of the Market while also providing for its future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

good to see you looking after a portland treasure.

I like the A and B choices best. seems very accessible to a large number of people both by car and public transportation. I also like the waterfront park choice since this market is a real tourist destination for all my out of town guests. My concern there is ruining the grass

and/or beauty of our downtown area. Although the market is a lot of fun and a party feel, it is not especially beautiful in the same way as the city itself. Keep it green and serene in the waterfront area. thanks.

Personally, I don't think the site should be moved. Many of the shops that within the current brick and mortar structures are there as a direct result of The Saturday Market. How many of these businesses would loose their livelyhood as a result of a proposed move? In addition the current site is situated perfectly along Max, a very short distance from a SmartPark, and easy access from both I84, I5, and I405. Seeing as Oregon tries its best to average 9 months of rain a year, being situated under a bridge is also a great advantage to the current location.

If the location must be moved the best site would be directly across the street, still situated under the Burnside Bridge. This location still holds all the essential qualities that make the current location such an advantage. There is a possibility this might conflict with Portland's rich running tradition but most of the races that start on Naito Parkway begin under the Morrison Bridge, and most races start early enough to be completed prior to a large influx of shoppers.

I would be afriad that a move to a non-covered location might drive some vendors away. I can also see the possibility of fewer customers attending the market during some of our more rainy times.

Thanks for your time.

If we are trying to create a market place with the vibrancy of Pike's Market in Seattle it is imperative that we locate the Saturday Market adjoining or close to the Public Market and/or the Farmers Market. There is a natural flow between these entities that will be lost if these markets are separated.

Also, it is time for the political infighting between these organizations to stop, particularly between the Farmers Market and the Public Market. The Saturday Market clearly needs to be refreshed. It has grown seedy over the past few years. However, the vendors remain excellent. The best of all worlds would be to replace the bazaar across the street from the current Saturday Market location. It diminishes the Market, and will diminish anything that is placed in that location. If you move the Saturday Market to the Rose Quarter, you might as well simply close it forever.

It's sad that the things that drew so many of us to Portland in the first place are slowly being eradicated in the name of "progess". The PDC is doing an excellent jobp at turning Portland into another nameless, plain vanilla city. What a shame!

I'd be disappointed to see the market uprooted to make way for a new 'class' of development. Its current site is part of a natural flow in and around buildings, parks, the train, the bridge. New buildings, new people can add to this, but should displace it.

Make it possible to keep the market where it is! It is a vitale and important part of Portland and to move it seems absurd to me. I feel very strongly that people who visit Portland are looking for exactly what the market offers from the artists to the somewhat dodgy aspect of being downtown - don't destroy what we have here in Portland, an eclectic mix of urban

shopping. My children and I have enjoyed shopping the market because it doesn't feel staged. Please retain this part of Portland that we have come to enjoy and love.

I wouldn't entirely be opposed to a change in the venue, but I can't imagine a location with more character than the one it's currently in, with the fountain and the old quality of the buildings.

OPTION D

Provides cover for in climate weather.
Reaffirms commitment to Old town/Chinatown neighborhood.
Increases visibility.
Connects to major pedestrian thoroughfare.
Strengthens association to the natural environment (river).
Builds continuity with Eastside Portland.
Utilizes existing MAX.
Retains 28 years of association with the Hawthorne.

The Saturday Market should stay exactly where it is. If the city or the Market Board needs to buy the current Market property, then that is what needs to happen. The Saturday Market has operated very successfully in that location for 28 years; let's not change a significant contributor to the "flavor" of Portland. Next thing you know, we will need to move the Washington Park Zoo in order to make room for new development.

The Saturday Market is a fixture, a Portland Institution. It should not be moved. The other locations lack adequate access and parking which is bad enough where it is but clearly no better at the other alternatives. Moving it will destroy the market.

It is fine where it is. Leave well enough alone.

I don't know if the present site would be available for parking if the Waterfront Park site was chosen, but I think that would be best for all around accessibility even though it would probably create more problems with crossing Front than exist now. And it already has a built in stage area, if all the Big Pipe mess gets removed. Traffic on and off the Broadway bridge would be my only objection to using the NW Hoyt & Fifth Blocks; the old Hoyt Hotel site has been dead space for so long it is a pity. All in all I think those would be ahead of staying at the present site.

I suggest that you leave Saturday market where it currently is. It is a Portland institution and need to be left alone.

I have grown up visiting Saturday Market, and I love it! I can't imagine Portland without it!

PSM is the only day time weekend activity in that area, it is vital to keep it there.

Keep Saturday Market where it is. The location isn't perfect, but it has many plusses, including easy pedestrian access, MAX access, a long and successful tradition in this site and easy integration with the rest of downtown for shopping and eating.

Waterfront Park is already overburdened. Putting Saturday Market there would only detract from the Market and complicate the many events already held there. It would turn into a muddy maintenance headache.

The U & R blocks are not near MAX or the streetcar. The site is remote compared to the present location. It will compromise traffic on a major arterial, right at the foot of an important bridge.

The Morrison Bridge site is at least still near MAX, although the close integration would be lost. The site is also hard to access, not visible, and not closely tied with the surrounding area, especially for pedestrians.

Hopefully the Rose Quarter site has been eliminated from consideration since it's not on this list. That site would surely kill Saturday Market -- it's bland and sterile. It has good transit access, but would only serve to give the event a generic big city feel.

The present site is very clearly better for the event and better for the shoppers than any of the proposed alternatives. Saturday Market has become a signature Portland event and a must-visit destination for many visitors. Please don't wreck it by poking it into some out-of-the-way corner or generic catchall. It is what it is because of WHERE it is.

I am actually from Vancouver, but wanted to put in my piece. The only reason I go to that area of Portland is for the market. If it were to move I would not go there at all. How many non-market related businesses will be affected by me (and others like me) not going to that area? Besides, lots of folks grew up going there....Forget my sentimental reasons, look at what you have already established in that space. Familiar location, great access via P.T., rich flavor of surrounding cultural attractions and activities, and more. Not to mention that because people are creatures of habit your attendance will drop dramatically due to perceived (or worse, actual) inconvenience in getting to the new site. Why mess with vendors livelihood by asking them to endure slumped sales while the new location establishes itself? Seems like bad business sense to me.

How does that saying go about fixin' what ain't broke?

I moved here several months ago and fell in love with the Portland Saturday Market. I've heard from many people how much they love it - and when I finally went there, it was apparent to me that it deserved its reputation.

It is an experience! It is charming, colorful, innovative. The merchants are wonderful. The wares are wonderful. It's all so varied. I love that it feels so organic, like you are wending through colorful alleyways - instead of something gentrified and hence, more sterile and commercial feeling.

I was surprised then to learn that it might be changed. I learned this from chatting with many of the wonderful merchants there. I was saddened to discover that those I've talked

with are unhappy with the process and feel they are not being heard. I realize that there have been focus groups and meetings and questionnaires for them, but in the random discussions I've had with them (where I've invited their reactions - so this is not a reflection of disgruntled merchants offering complaints), clearly there appears to be a real sentiment that their feelings and needs are not being taken into account.

I very much support keeping things as they are. I am in love with the location and the merchants are wonderful! Every merchant that I have talked to so far wishes things would remain the same. In particular the idea of going to a 7-day a week schedule does not seem like a good one from a standpoint that those who are artisans use the weekdays to create their art and their wares - and clearly can't afford staff. Moving to a 7-day schedule would undermine the uniqueness and the quality of the offerings -- and would hurt many of the current artisans. Plus could make things less affordable for we, the shoppers and those who support the merchants.

Plus the merchants could be priced out of being able to have a spot. Many of these people have been part of the market for years -- THEY have created it in a living sense in that they are part of what we experience in visiting the market.

I will point out that a) I recently relocated here and so I am not a "plant" for any of the merchants -- these are my own observations and my own feelings about what they have told me in alignment with my values; and b) I lived for many years in Seattle and spent much time at the Pike Place Market. My sense there was that the individual merchants themselves were as important as their wares to the locals. One not only enjoyed being able to connect with specific individuals, but there was a community feeling. Disregarding the merchants and focusing on this as an enterprise can harm that -- which is very important and very unique about the Portland Saturday Market. I love the market and really hope it doesn't get wrecked.

Plus I would hate to see it turned into something sterile and commercial feeling. There is something so wonderful about the rag-tag feel of it all. It's like a great big wonderful quilt made of random fabric - all colorful and surprising and unique. It's like a foreign bazaar, only it's here. Places like this are so rare in this country.

I think the idea to finding use during the weekdays is fine, but not at the expense of what could happen to harm the merchants or the market's current wonderfulness.

Please make sure that the decision is easily accessible and maintains the beloved spirit of the Portland Saturday Market. Thank you for all of the opportunities for public input, considering we are the lifeblood of the market.

I strongly support keeping the current location of the Saturday Market. I indicate C as my choice.

This site provides Max access (how much closer can you get?), shelter from the rain, access to the river, access to Waterfront Park, access to indoor restrooms (in the Skidmore building) and most of all, preserves the history of the market.

My family and I go to Saturday Market almost every weekend in the summer. We hang out, eat lunch, people watch, and buy gifts for friends and family.

When we are entertaining visitors, Saturday Market is always on the itinerary. Always.

The location is perfect. We hop on the Interstate Max in North Portland and are in the midst of the market in 10 minutes.

Please consider the current location as the permanent home. We love Saturday Market as it is. It is an essential part of the character of Portland.

Saturday Market is an amazing piece of Portland's culture, and moving in would drastically change its wonderful atmosphere and feeling. We should leave it where it is.

If it were to move, the U & R Blocks seem to be a good close match to it's current ambiance. The current location is excellent, given a bit more parking. As for the weekday/weeknight safety issues, address the issue directly and clean it up!

My main concern is that the newly located Saturday Market work most synergistically with the upcoming Portland Public Market. I get frustrated when I read such trivial concerns as the artists' complaints that "people won't be able to find us" if they move. What? Are you kidding? The Saturday Market is a highly beloved institution, and it would take only a few weeks for everyone to find the artists, wherever they are. People are so afraid of change, but change is desperately needed in Portland, which hasn't seen significant earth-shattering change for the better since about 1972.

Also, look at other public markets around the country, learn from them what works, why they're successful, why they're failing, and come up with an ideal plan integrating the two markets. Light rail access is great, but it's certainly no deal-breaker. People will find it and get to it, no matter where it is downtown. If people have to walk a whole block or two from MAX, I think they can handle it. There are far bigger issues - focus on the important issues, please!!!! :)

What do you mean by "revitalize?" This area has always been the most vital and authentic area in Portland. I can't help but suspect that what you mean is to remove the craftspeople and the homeless and create another Pearl District. If my suspicions are landing anywhere near the truth, then I say leave the Skimore Fountain area alone.

Please leave the market where it is,
I come alot from 110 miles away , but will not if the location is changed it just wont be the same.. I have been visiting Sat. Market for years now bringing my grand children

I must say I stumbled onto this site by accident. I am an artist who plans on being a vendor in 2007. My first thought is water front. It we be very low cost to add on to the existing walk way and could but done in one week. Surveying, concrete laid and and power installed would be easy to fit well within 7 days. The area for PSM could be pushed to the north end

and the would still give ample room for The Rose festival and other traditional Waterfront events. In addition this could also give room for expansion in the future. I relize this may require redesignating land from being a park but if the city charged the rent on a long term lease this could benifit tax payers and would halp persude if put to a vote. Besides... Who doesn't love Portland Saturday Market. This is the best representation of who we have become as a city. We are an ethnicy diverse urban community that comes together every Saturday and sunday to celebrate the artistic uniqueness of us all.

Would rather see it in the Central Eastside.

The Central Eastside Industrial District' dream of an industrial sanctuary doesn't fit with reality.
