

Portland Saturday Market Permanent Home Study

Feedback from Design Workshop

*Note: Items marked with an * were mentioned by multiple participants.
Items marked with an ! were points of disagreement among participants.*

Site F: Morrison Bridge Blocks

Feedback

Pro

- *Centralized info booth in the center of the market
- Two storage facilities
- Designated entrances
- Visibility
- Glass building
- Close to retail core
- Highest and best use of parking lot
- Less expensive improvements
- Trees

Con

- **Access too difficult
- *Concern about parking lots to the west being used by other markets (who would be visible from MAX)
- *Site is very isolated
- *Limited visibility
- *Too noisy (vehicular traffic)
- ! End curve creates dead space
- ! Not enough entrances
- Not enough metered / on-street parking
- Bridge is very low in places
- Layout is too spread out
- Runs and waterfront events create conflicts
- Street traffic might spray water on booths
- Food smells may linger under the Northernmost onramp

Ideas & Suggestions

- ! Break up booth layout, more clusters and corners, less long sections
- ! A few main entrances
- ! Linear booths close together lead to better customer flow / square off the final rows
- ! Some vendors like the curved design of the southernmost booths, while others wanted to square off the final rows
- Need direction on how to get to market

- Contract with other parking lots to not allow other markets
- Ensure correct aisle width
- Consolidate space when market is smaller (but make sure undesirable activities do not infiltrate)
- Ensure finish and start lines of runs are at least one block from the market
- Get Tri-Met to announce the Saturday Market stop on MAX
- Create a vehicle turnaround spot on the northeast corner of the Morrison parking lots for customer drop off / pick up and loading of purchases.
- Work with PDOT to improve entrances to market
 - Under the bridge (the existing crossing that is slated for removal by PDOT)
 - At the four corners of the Morrison Blocks
- Swales to absorb the runoff from the parking lot
- Signage improvements:
 - Facing the park, so that those in the park will know where the market is located
 - Above the Max tracks, facing North and South, so riders will know where the market is
 - On the Morrison Bridge, facing westbound traffic (an exit sign telling people to exit for the Market)
- A noise barrier along the Eastbound ramp of the Morrison bridge
- MAX stop, and crossing, located underneath the Morrison bridge
- Closure of the southern on-ramp (i.e., the ramp for eastbound traffic) on weekends to reduce noise
- Allow vendors to drive onto the site to load / unload
- Site maps at entrances