

Who will this development serve?

One development, three projects to serve...

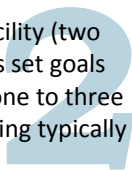
Individuals, couples, and families who are struggling with homelessness

The Resource Access Center (RAC) will serve 1,000 Portland citizens every day, replacing Transition Project's Community Service Center, which is too small to meet downtown's needs. The RAC will be a hub for information and referrals. It will provide housing, employment, and treatment counseling; hot showers; storage; and communication services to help with job and housing searches. Transition Projects will manage the RAC and coordinate services among additional community organizations through a central hub model.



Homeless men who need shelter

A modern shelter will replace Transition Project's aging Glisan Street facility (two blocks away) and provide beds for 90 men. Case workers help residents set goals and plan actions that will lead to permanent housing. Men often wait one to three months for a place in the shelter, and the transition to permanent housing typically takes four to five months.



Individuals and couples who need affordable rental housing

The development includes 130 studio apartments providing permanent supportive housing for very low income residents. Operating subsidies will include 30 public housing units and 100 project-based Section 8 vouchers. On-site services will help ensure tenant success in housing and build a dynamic new residential community designed for those who have been on our streets the longest.



The people behind the numbers...

Job loss, financial crisis, illness, disability, addiction, and domestic violence are among the leading causes of homelessness for our community's seniors, adults, families and youth. Requests for emergency shelter increased by 70% between fiscal years 2007 and 2008, and a 2007 count had already found over 1,400 people sleeping on our city's streets. City officials estimate that over 2,000 Portlanders bed down each night on our sidewalks, under our bridges and in our 670 shelter beds, with no permanent place to call home.

Future residents, neighbors, visitors, and transit users

Although not included in the current half-block design, ground-floor retail space that is well-served by transit and light rail will be included in the "Phase 2" development of the eastern half of the block. One potential use is a bakery under consideration by Transition Projects as a client-run social enterprise, providing new jobs and job training. After improvements in the financial markets, HAP will include another community design process for Phase 2 to plan the eastern half-block.

