



Office of Mayor Charlie Hales
City of Portland



Welcome!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Portland for the NNPA 2014 Annual Convention!

I hope that our guests, in addition to exploring new ways to be successful as a community, will also take some time to explore the Portland metropolitan region. As Portlanders, we are extremely proud of what our city has to offer both residents and visitors. It is a place of outstanding natural beauty, fascinating and unique culture, a national destination for northwest-inspired culinary experiences and strong commercial activities accessible by our nationally renowned transportation system.

Portland is consistently ranked as one of the most sustainable and livable cities in the United States. We are fortunate to have a wonderful quality of life that includes abundant green spaces, nearby mountains and rivers, and cultural offerings, including a world class symphony and museum, a farm-fresh food movement, outstanding wineries, and of course, our own Portland Thorns and Portland Timbers, professional women’s and men’s soccer clubs respectively. Our Saturday Market, which is open most of the year (and on Sundays too), is a showcase for local artisans and handcrafted goods. Farmers markets featuring the freshest produce can be found throughout the metropolitan area. Portland has become a city that embraces diverse populations which continuously enrich the communities and neighborhoods we live in.

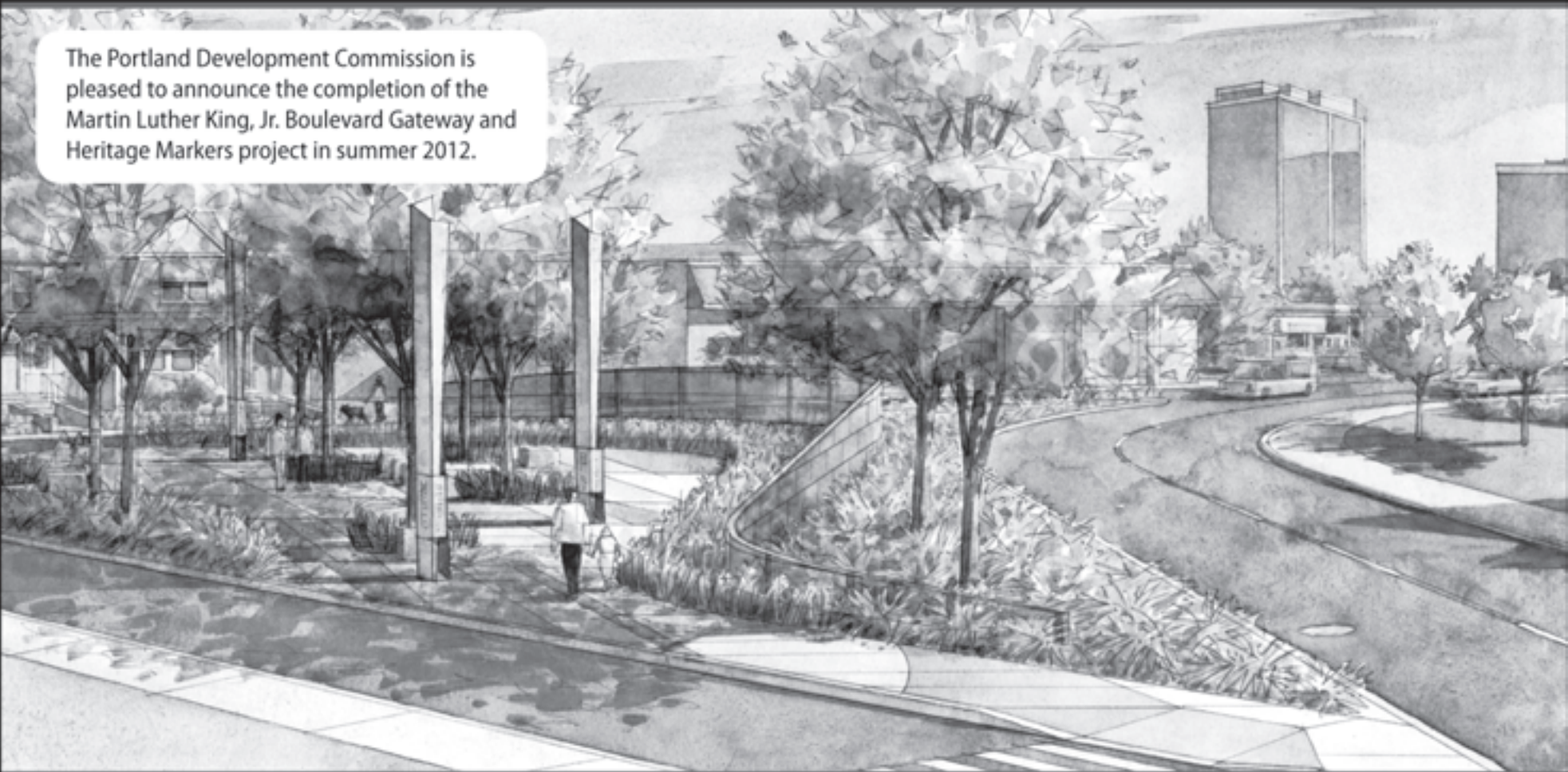
No matter what activities you choose to pursue during your stay, you’ll find the people of Portland ready to help make your visit as enjoyable as possible. Best wishes for a successful conference and a wonderful visit to our fine city!

Sincerely,

Charlie Hales
Mayor

Welcome NNPA Publishers

“Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better.”
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Portland Development Commission is pleased to announce the completion of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Gateway and Heritage Markers project in summer 2012.

The Gateway and Heritage Markers project will feature a plaza for community events, enhance the pedestrian environment and incorporate multicultural art. For more information visit www.pdc.us/heritagemarkers.

PDC is a proud partner in the ongoing effort to enhance the neighborhoods of North and Northeast Portland.

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