

- **Word Clouds:** Visual word compilations illustrating hands-on session participant descriptions of how they envision Fort Ord currently and how they would imagine Fort Ord in the future.
- **Synthesis Maps:** Compilation of hands-on map exercises results from public design sessions.

[Project Timeline](#)

Completion of the RUDG was first called for in the 1997 BRP. The first step was completed with the 2005 Board adoption of the Highway 1 Design Corridor Guidelines. The 2012 Reassessment Report highlighted the need to complete the guidelines for Town & Village Centers, Gateways, Regional Circulation Corridors, and Trails on the former Fort Ord. Beginning in February 2014, the FORA Board directed staff to actively work on completion of the RUDG. [See the full timeline with links to relevant draft documents and videos here.](#)

[Preparations](#)

Beginning in August 2014 the planning team gathered background information and studied the existing physical and economic conditions of the area. This effort included a thorough review of the 1997 Base Reuse Plan (BRP), the 2012 Base Reassessment Report and the 2005 Highway 1 Design Guidelines, among others. A series of analysis maps were created in order to better understand the existing conditions.

[Charrette](#)

What is a charrette? Charrette is a French word translating to “little cart.” At the leading architecture school of the 19th century, the École des Beaux-Arts, students would be assigned a tough design problem to work out under pressure of time. They would continue sketching as fast as they could, even as little carts carried their work away to be judged and graded. Today, “charrette” has come to describe a rapid, intensive and creative work session in which a team focuses on a particular design problem and arrives at a collaborative solution. Charrettes are product-oriented. The public charrette is fast becoming a preferred way to face the planning challenges confronting American communities.

