

# Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) agenda

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

5:00 PM

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- 1. Call To Order, Declaration of a Quorum & Introductions (5:00 PM)
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- 3. Council Update (5:05 PM)
- 4. Committee Member Communication (5:08 PM)
- 5. Consent Agenda (5:10 PM)

5.1 Consideration of the November 19, 2025 MPAC Meeting

25-6412

Minutes

Attachments: November 19, 2025 MPAC Meeting Minutes

6. Information/Discussion Items (5:15 PM)

6.1 Future Vision Update

<u>COM</u> 25-0993

<u> 23-033.</u>

Presenter(s): Jess Zdeb, Investment Areas Project Manager, Metro

Laura Combs, Associate Regional Planner, Metro

Irene Kim, Cascadia Partners

Attachments: MPAC Worksheet

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6.2 City of Vancouver 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

25-0995

COM

Presenter(s): Rebecca Kennedy (she/her), Deputy Director, Community

Development, City of Vancouver

Meredith Herbst (she/her), Associate Planner, Community

Development, City of Vancouver

Attachments: MPAC Worksheet

6:10 PM

6.3 2040 Planning and Development Grants Program Update COM

**25-0986** 

Presenter(s): Serah Breakstone, 2040 Grants Program Manager

Hau Hagedorn, Community Investments Manager

Attachments: MPAC Worksheet

7. Adjourn (7:00 PM)

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January 2021

# 2025 MPAC Work Plan

## Updated 12/8/25

#### September 24, 2025- in person

- Consideration of the July 23, 2025 MPAC meeting (consent)
- Future Vision (Jess Zdeb, 15 minutes)
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Draft (Eliot Rose)(30 mins)
- Dr. King (45 minutes)

#### October 22, 2025- online

- Consideration of the September 24, 2025 MPAC meeting minutes (consent)
- Future Vision (Jess Zdeb, 15 minutes)
- Metro Code housekeeping amendments presentation (Glen Hamburg; 10 minutes)
- Regional Housing Coordination Strategy evaluation framework and draft RHCS (Emily Lieb and Eryn Kehe, Metro; 30 min)
- Happy Valley presentation on downtown development (30 minutes)

#### November 19, 2025- online

- Metro Code housekeeping amendments
   action (Glen Hamburg) (consent)
- Future Vision (Jess Zdeb, 15 minutes)
- Regional Housing Coordination Strategy (action) (30 minutes)
- Cooling Corridors Update (Andre Lightsy Walker and Joe Gordon, 20 minutes)

#### December 17, 2025- in person

- Future Vision Update: Engagement Plan (Jess Zdeb, 30 minutes)
- City of Vancouver 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update (Rebecca Kennedy (she/her), Deputy Director, Community Development Department, Meredith Herbst (she/her), Associate Planner, Community Development Department). (25 minutes)
- 2040 Planning and Development Grants program update (Serah Breakstone, 25 minutes)
- SHS update (25 minutes)

#### January

Voting on officers

#### Holding Tank:

- How cities are responding to housing analysis/production

- How are cities providing affordable housing and other services nexus with SHS work/reform maybe July?
- 2040 grant presentations by grant recipients
- Housing Bond Update
- CCTS for 1s quarter 2026
- Economic Development Workgroup (Jaye Cromwell and Malu Wilkinson, 30 minutes)

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Consideration of the November 19, 2025 MPAC Meeting Minutes

# Meeting minutes



Meeting: MPAC

Date/time: November 19, 2025

Location: Zoom

#### Attendees

Shannon Singleton, Multnomah County Commissioner

Elana Pirtle Guieny, City of Portland Council President

Candace Avalos, City of Portland Council Member

Jerry Hinton, City of Gresham Council President

Terri Preeg Riggsby, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Director

Omar Qutub, Resident of Multnomah County

Diana Helm, Clackamas County Commissioner

Joe Buck, Lake Oswego Mayor

Brett Shermn, Chair and City of Happy Valley Metro Councilor

Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner

Beach Pace, City of Hillsboro Mayor

Allison Tivnon, City of Beaverton Councilor

Miles Palacios, THPRD

Kirstin Green, OR Department of Lan Conservation and Development Deputy Director

Dan Eisenbeis, Port of Portland

Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro Councilor

Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor

Duncan Hwang, Metro Councilor

#### Guest

Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Board Chair temporarily for Commissioner Treece

#### <u>Public Communications on Agenda Items</u>

There was none.

#### Metro Council Update

Nolan provided the update that included information regarding proposed changes to the Supportive Housing Services program; upcoming shelter openings; changes in the Metro Paint program; and ZooLights

#### Committee Member Update

Sherman asked members to start thinking about representation for their jurisdictions in 2026 and noted that this meeting would be his last as Chair since he will be out of town next month.

Helm shared she must leave the meeting early for the Clackamas County dinner so will miss the vote for the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy.

She shared that Clackamas County is in favor of recommending the RHCS to the Metro Council with the amendments recommended by MTAC meeting. Also, on November 3 Clackamas County celebrated its new Stabilization Center in Milwaukie. The center offers a safe place for people in crisis. On November 5 the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners launched its Strategic Priorities at the Sate of the County event.

#### Consent Agenda

- 1) Recommendation that the Metro Council approve the housekeeping amendments to the Metro Land Use Code
- 2) Consideration of the October 22, 2025 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Palacios

Second: Preeg Riggsby

Action: Motion passed unanimously

Pace requested staff include responses to members' questions as part of the minutes in the future. Perrault responded affirmatively.

#### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### **Future Vision Update**

Eryn Kehe and Malu Wilkinson provided a summary of the Future Vision Commission meeting held on November 13 and previewed the December MPAC meeting where the project team will present on the engagement strategy. Wilkonson also described the presentations that will be part of the Future Vision process and invited MPAC members to attend those.

Mayor Pace reported that the conversations during the breakout sessions were interesting and forward-thinking.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

#### Metro's State-Mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

There was discussion of trying to wait for the arrival of Commissioner Treece so she could vote on this item, but then multiple members announced they would have to leave soon, leaving us short of quorum. The Chair made the decision to move forward with this item while we had quorum.

Eryn Kehe and Emily Lieb presented on RHCS.

Commissioner Treece arrived.

Pace inquired about the questions that were asked at the October meeting re: budget impacts of each recommendation. Kehe answered that they haven't done the analysis yet, but most of

the items will be done by the staff we have now. They will be putting together budget information for Metro Council for next fiscal year.

Pirtle Guiney asked whether the MTAC recommendation was unanimous. Kehe responded there were a few abstentions. Pirtle Guiney asked for additional context on the discussion at MTAC, and Kehe responded there was negotiation on items 9, 10 and 11.

Singleton appreciates the changes that were made and expressed her support for portability of local vouchers so that when people move their rent assistance follows.

Pace asked if consideration was given to ensure steps would be taken across the region. Staff responded that was part of the evaluation of actions before the recommendations were narrowed. Kehe responded that there was wide support for the recommendations that made it through the narrowing process, and the intent is to benefit the entire region.

Motion to recommend Metro Council adopt the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy: Singleton

Second: Pirtle Guiney

Treece moved to amend the motion to incorporate the MTAC amendments. Pace seconded the motion to amend the original motion.

Roll call on the motion to amend the original motion. The amendment passed unanimously.

Roll call on the original motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Cooling Corridors Strategy**

Andre Lightsey-Walker, Joe Gordon, Jai Daniels presented on the Cooling Corridors Strategy.

Sherman noted that Happy Valley is the fastest growing city in Oregon, and they get pushbacks from developers on their tree ordinance. What are the good arguments to fight for trees. Lightsey-Walker answered it's possible to make density and saving old trees both work. Trees take a long time to grow, and while we are in a housing crisis, we are also in a heat crisis.

Hinton appreciated the work and noted it is an issue in Gresham. Gresham already has a Cooling Corridor project but would like to collaborate with Metro, share resources, and avoid duplication.

Tivnon shared that Beaverton is talking about Cooper Mountain. The city worked on a tree conservation plan that is in code. She believes this is a regional issue and it makes sense for Metro to do this work. She wondered where the resources will come from. Wilkinson shared that some of the actions can be taken now, but there are others that will require a discussion

about resources. We're at the beginning, but there are some short-term steps that can be

that shows the color of cars can impact the heat level around them. cities have this kind of guidance on street trees. Rosenthal also asked if electrification of cars guidance on what kinds of trees to plant and where. Who will do that? Daniels shared that most will impact heat islands. Staff responded that this was not studied, however there is new data Rosenthal suggested at some point it would be helpful to have a handbook that provides

units. He's struggling to see where trees will go in these kinds of developments. He's also heat pumps, cooling hubs, increasing awareness, etc. responded there are other options, such as reflective roofs, permeable pavement, insulation of concerned about creating another "czar". This money can go toward tangible actions. Daniels result is that there aren't yards in these new developments. The same is true for multifamily Dalin shared Cornelius' experience with developing at the density Metro requires, and the

consideration. facing all jurisdictions right now. Wilkinson noted these are recommendations for layers to the bureaucracy. He believes we all need to be more cognizant of the budget realities resources. He wants this work to be done in a collaborative way and without adding more more challenging to serve constituents – sited cuts at TriMet – and he wondered about Buck shared Lake Oswego is working on updating its tree code. He noted that it's becoming

Sherman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Committee Legislative Advisor



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## **Future Vision Update**

Jess Zdeb, Investment Areas Project Manager, Metro Laura Combs, Associate Regional Planner, Metro Irene Kim, Cascadia Partners

### **MPAC Worksheet**

Agenda Item Title: Future Vision update

Presenters: Jess Zdeb (Metro), Laura Combs (Metro), Irene Kim (Cascadia Partners), Future

Vision Commission member tbd

Contact for this worksheet/presentation: Jess Zdeb

#### **Purpose/Objective**

Provide a report out on the December Future Vision Commission meeting.

Provide an overview of the Future Vision project engagement strategy for MPAC feedback. The project team has drafted engagement principles, and identified phases and tactics for seeking region-wide input and feedback in creation of the Future Vision.

#### **Outcomes**

MPAC members are updated on the recent Future Vision Commission meeting outcomes.

MPAC members are aware of the draft engagement strategy contents and can provide feedback.

#### **Background**

Work has begun on the update to the Future Vision, a 50-year conceptual vision whose purpose is to guide development of plans, policies and investments throughout the region. It is anticipated that the updated Vision will come before Council for adoption in Spring 2027. The Vision will be developed and recommended by the Future Vision Commission, whom Council appointed earlier this year. The work of the Commission is guided by the guidance provided by Council during project scoping:

- Be broadly reflective of what the region wants
- Have been developed through a process including engagement that meets Council expectations
- Have been vetted by staff and supported by region at large

In order to meet these needs, the Future Vision Commission's draft vision will need to be informed by broad engagement with people throughout greater Portland.

The process principles below were developed by Metro Council in scoping sessions earlier in 2025. These principles have in turn guided the project team's development of principles for engagement that drive the development of the Future Vision.

#### Future Vision process principles, developed by Council

The process to develop the Future Vision should:

- Embody regional coordination
- Present opportunities to unify the region through dreaming about the region's potential, but also address difficult questions directly
- Include a variety of methods and strategies to engage core audiences as partners and co-developers of the vision. Activities could include:
  - o In person gatherings that allow for robust discussion between residents with a range of perspectives. The gatherings should allow space to interact, provide feedback, learn about the region, and as budget allows, celebrate the unique aspects of the community through food, art, or entertainment.
  - A targeted action summit to get buy in from community leaders and key partners who are not on the Future Vision Commission but play key roles in shaping and implementing the vision on shared values and goals.
  - A youth summit focused on getting input from and developing the vision with vouth
- Consider whom to engage, when, and how to get the right level of input within the
  process's timeframe and budget. For example, Metro may consider strategically
  targeting one audience for more costly forms of engagement and consider
  philanthropic partnerships.
- Include those who already know and care about Metro and those that are unfamiliar with the agency but care about the region.
- Be data driven

#### Future Vision engagement principles

The following engagement principles follow from the Council direction articulated above and will shape the strategies and tactics the project team will use to engage the region. These principles are also in line with Metro's adopted <u>Guiding Principles for Meaningful Public Engagement</u>.

#### Center on Relationship Building

Establishing new and existing relationships with agency and community partners, youth, and the arts, culture, and creative community must be a priority, as this is a visioning effort with generational impacts. These connections should be cultivated thoughtfully, with a focus on building strong foundations that support implementation of the vision, sustained growth, and lasting impact.

#### Community-Driven Approach

This is a vision of and for the region's communities. The visioning process and outcomes will be reflective of the region's diversity and shared values with intentional efforts made to include voices that are often excluded and marginalized. The stories, cultures, and lived experiences of residents should be treated as valuable forms of expertise. The process will be transparent about how community input shapes decisions

#### Rethink How We Communicate and Engage

Move beyond traditional written language-based communication and traditional forms of engagement. Use diverse communication mediums through visuals and art to effectively

convey values, pathways, and the vision to a broad audience. The barrier to entry for understanding the vision should be low, ensuring it's accessible to all, while the values and goals must remain dynamic, authentic, and unafraid to challenge boundaries. Acknowledge the precarious and politically charged nature of the current moment, and the challenge of envisioning the next 50 years amid urgent, pressing issues facing communities today.

#### Building on Past Work

It is important to recognize and celebrate past efforts, using them as a foundation for future work. The strategy should be rooted in previous initiatives, aligning with the policies and recommendations of earlier visions to guide future implementation.

## Key engagement tactics

The tactics identified below are a summary of a subset of those that will be used to hear from the residents of greater Portland. These tactics embody the principles described above.

#### Youth Advisory Committee

Council identified youth as a key audience and participant in the development of the Future Vision. A key tactic within the engagement strategy will be the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee consisting of 20 young people (ages 16-25) from throughout the region meeting throughout 2026. This group will advise the project team on how to engage with young people and especially on development of the Youth Summit. The group will also advise the Future Vision Commission on how to incorporate the interests of young people into the vision.

#### Arts and culture

Metro has contracted with an artist to consult on incorporation of arts and culture into the project process, including engagement. This will not simply include commissioning artists to create works that communicate the Future Vision in ways that resonate across cultures, but also tactics that enable people involved to experience arts and culture as an audience and as witnesses to the creative process.

#### *Jurisdiction partners*

Government partners at jurisdictions throughout the region are key future implementers of the Vision. Metro will use many existing channels to work with these partners: MPAC and other Metro committees, County coordinating committees, other gatherings such as regional city managers, engagement professionals and at Metro mixers. Project staff will also connect with jurisdictions to understand whether there are opportunities for syncing up engagement with forthcoming planning efforts jurisdictions will already be undertaking. Engagement will include not just the 24 cities and three counties within the Metro boundary but also neighboring cities.

#### Community Based Organization partners

Staff are reaching out to Community Based Organization (CBO) partners to understand what tactics are most resonant with and approachable to their communities for engaging with a process like Future Vision. Staff will also be gauging whether any CBOs are

interested in and have capacity to help execute engagement tactics beyond simply disseminating materials.

*Private sector and philanthropic partners* 

Staff are reaching out to partners in the business community, both those who represent businesses and business owners themselves, to understand what tactics will be most effective in engaging this sector in conversations about the Vision. Project staff are also working with the Partnerships and Social Innovation Director to understand how to best engage with the philanthropic community. These conversations will help define strategies to bring both of these critical implementation partners into the development of the Vision so they feel connection and ownership.

#### What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

The Future Vision Commission has held its December meeting.

The project team has developed a draft engagement strategy and presented it to both the Future Vision Commission (December 11) and the Metro Council (December 16).

What packet material do you plan to include? None



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## City of Vancouver 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

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# **MPAC Worksheet**

**Agenda Item Title**: City of Vancouver 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

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#### **Purpose/Objective**

The City of Vancouver, Washington is updating its comprehensive plan as part of the periodic review process required by Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA). This presentation will provide an overview of Vancouver's approach to overhauling the comprehensive plan and zoning code. In addition to meeting new state requirements, the plan update aims to better address housing needs, respond to climate change, align transportation and land use, and promote equal access to opportunities and essential services.



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# 2040 Planning and Development Grants Program Update

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**Agenda Item Title**: 2040 Planning & Development Grants Program Update

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#### **Purpose/Objective**

To provide an update on refinements that were made to the 2040 Planning & Development Grants program in 2024, including moving to quarterly awards and expanding program opportunities. We will summarize the past year of grant cycles, discuss challenges and successes, highlight some specific projects that were funded, and review lessons learned and how those lessons will be reflected in future program refinements.

#### Outcome

MPAC members will gain understanding of the 2040 Grant program outcomes over the past year and have an opportunity to provide feedback as we explore additional program refinements for the coming year.

#### What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

2040 program moved to quarterly cycles, shifted funding criteria to focus more on project readiness, and made other changes to be responsive to grant user feedback and implement program efficiencies and enhance effectiveness.

#### What packet material do you plan to include?

No packet materials, will use slides for presentation