

## METRO'S STATE-MANDATED REGIONAL HOUSING COORDINATION STRATEGY

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### ISSUE STATEMENT

As a part of the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis legislation, the State of Oregon requires that Metro complete a Regional Housing Coordination Strategy (RHCS) by the end of 2025. A project team made of staff from both the Housing and Planning, Development and Research departments are collaborating to produce the RHCS, which will result in a list of actions that Metro will undertake to promote housing production, affordability, and choice. The project leads will present an update on recent engagement, an overview of the evaluation process, and the refined list of actions. Councilors can ask questions and provide direction on prioritizing and further refining the actions.

The goal of the RHCS is to create a roadmap of actions Metro will advance to promote housing production, coordination, and access by lifting up best practices, coordinating and aligning local strategies and addressing critical gaps that can be filled at the regional level. By statute, the list of actions in the RHCS must address the following:

- The development and maintenance of diverse housing types that are high-quality, physically accessible and affordable
- Housing with access to economic opportunities, services and amenities
- Strategies, policies, or actions that are coordinated among the local governments within the Metro region
- Actions that affirmatively further fair housing

The strategies and actions are informed by engagement with jurisdictional partners and other interested groups. This RHCS creates opportunities for alignment within Metro's existing body of work and builds on initiatives already underway that promote housing production in greater Portland.

### ACTION REQUESTED

Metro Council will receive updates from recent engagement efforts, hear key takeaways from the evaluation process, and review a refined list of actions.

### IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The Metro Council may provide feedback to staff regarding the refined list of actions and prioritization.

## **POLICY QUESTION(S)**

- Does the Council have feedback about the refined list of actions?
- Does the Council have feedback about any actions to prioritize?

## **POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

The Council may provide staff with direction on:

- Prioritizing the refined list of strategies

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Council review the refined list of strategies related to Metro's roles in housing production, coordination and access. Council feedback and prioritization will help to determine a feasible package of actions to incorporate in the final draft RHCS.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) articulates new responsibilities for state agencies and local governments to reorient the implementation of Statewide Land Use Planning Goals 10 (Housing) and 14 (Urbanization) to produce more housing, increase equitable access to housing and ensure that state and local governments take action to address need. It affects the way all communities plan housing and urban lands, and cities and unincorporated counties with populations of 10,000 or greater are now required to regularly plan and take action to address needs. These cities and counties in the Metro area will develop and implement a Housing Production Strategy every six years to promote needed housing and affirmatively further fair housing.

As the regional government, Metro will produce a Regional Housing Coordination Strategy (RHCS) by the end of 2025 which focuses on coordination amongst the area's jurisdictions instead of direct production.

## **BACKGROUND**

The RHCS project team discussed Metro's roles in housing and preliminary action ideas at a Council work session on May 20, 2025. A previous work session in February covered the project scope of work and engagement plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Refined List of Actions
2. Engagement Summary