

FY 2023-24 Budget Note #5: Outreach for Regional Collaboration

Directs GAPD staff to conduct outreach to governments in East Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Western Washington County to gauge interest in participating in a Regional Solutions style collaboration, which would dedicate and co-locate Metro staff in volunteer jurisdictions to partner on a project of mutual interest in areas including, but not limited to, Planning, Transportation or Garbage and Recycling. Staff should report back to Metro Council no later than January 1, 2024, with possible projects, including high level estimated cost, staff time and project timeline.

Activities to Date

Government Affairs & Policy Development (GAPD)

- To build connections between Metro Councilors, local elected officials, and staff, (GAPD) hosted “Metro Mixers” in Oregon City, King City and Fairview. In-person attendees discussed Metro activities of interest to each jurisdictions.
- In preparation for the 2024 legislative session, GAPD staff coordinated with local governments to compile a list of development-ready projects to bolster housing production.
- In February 2024, GAPD hired a Strategic Engagement Advisor to build relationships and track jurisdictional issues in throughout the Metro region.

Planning, Development, & Research (PD&R)

- PD&R senior staff visited cities across Metro to learn about local land use opportunities and challenges. Discussion topics included the urban growth boundary, industrial expansion, housing, local jurisdiction finance and statewide tax structure, and the need for infrastructure investment to support housing development and industrial growth.
- PD&R made grant funding available to local jurisdictions to plan for future growth, including \$1 million for 2040 Planning & Development Grants to support industrial land readiness.

Future Activities

Planning, Development, & Research

- PD&R convened a roundtable to gather feedback about housing and industrial expansion needs to inform the Urban Growth Report and provide data that supports the 2024 urban growth management decision.
- Staff will scope a 2040 Vision refresh with input from meetings with regional partners and the roundtable.

Collaboration

- In FY2024-25, GAPD and PD&R plan to work with Metro’s COO to communicate with city managers and assess shared project and program interests.
- GAPD and PD&R are collaborating on a year-long series of transportation funding presentations and discussions at JPACT, creating a collaborative space for regional partners to identify Metro-area funding priorities for a potential 2025 state funding package.

Budget

More resources are needed to develop cost estimates an timelines. Staffing, M&S, and consulting fees all TBD, based on scope that exceeds above activities.