

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 the development of needed housing. The project leads will present early technical analysis and provide updates on the engagement underway, including a preliminary list of strategy ideas collected. Councilors can ask questions and provide feedback on potential strategies.

The primary 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 policies, strategies and actions will be informed by data analysis and 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 initial rounds of engagement, hear key takeaways from early data analysis and review a preliminary list of strategies.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The Metro Council may provide feedback to staff regarding the categories listed in the attached handout of Metro's housing roles and the list of preliminary strategy ideas presented by staff.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

- Does the Council have feedback about the initial data analysis and engagement?
- Does the Council have feedback about the preliminary list of strategies?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

The Council may provide staff with direction on:

- The preliminary list of strategies

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Council review the preliminary list of strategies related to Metro's role in housing production, coordination and access. Council feedback will help to develop and refine the draft evaluation framework which will be discussed at a future Council work session.

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 for 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 introduced the scope of work and engagement plan at a Council work session on February 11, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Metro's Roles in Housing Handout