

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Metro's State-Mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

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Purpose/Objective

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 have revised the public comment draft RHCS, which proposes a list of actions that Metro will undertake to promote housing production, affordability, and choice, based on feedback received during the public comment period. At this MPAC meeting, the project team will present the key themes from the public comment period and describe high level revisions leading to the final proposed list of actions. MPAC members will vote on their recommendation regarding approval of the RHCS to Metro Council.

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 collectively 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 proposed list of actions was 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.

Outcome

MPAC members will vote on the recommendation to approve the final RHCS to Metro Council.

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

Since the last MPAC meeting in October, the project team further refined the draft RHCS based on public comments and feedback. The activities associated with the public comment period from September 15 to October 15 included:

- Posting the draft documents to the project web page and inviting feedback via a brief survey and direct emails or phone calls to the project team
 - o The project team received emailed testimony from the Washington County Board of Commissioners, Multnomah County Commissioner Shannon Singleton, and Portland City Councilor Jamie Dunphy
- Sharing information about the draft RHCS at the Metro table at the Housing Oregon conference

- Reaching out to all previously engaged participants to share the draft and invite their feedback
- Meeting with the jurisdictional Implementers Work Group
- Presenting to the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Metro Subcommittee and Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC) and WCCC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to update members on the draft RHCS and receive their feedback

Based on this feedback, the project team completed detailed revisions focused on adding critical steps for action implementation, including continued collaboration with jurisdictions and other partners, and clarifying estimated timelines for action completion.

What packet material do you plan to include?

Regional Housing Coordination Strategy: Executive Summary

2025 Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

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