MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Regional Housing Coordination Strategy: Preliminary list of strategy ideas based on Metro's roles in housing production and access

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Purpose/Objective

As a part of the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis legislation, the State of Oregon requires that Metro completes 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 will collaborate to produce the RHCS, which will result in a list of actions that Metro will undertake to promote the development of needed housing. This RHCS creates several opportunities for alignment within Metro's existing body of work and builds on initiatives already underway to promote housing in greater Portland.

The primary goal of the RHCS is to create a roadmap for actions Metro will advance to promote housing production, coordination, and equitable access. This will be achieved by lifting up emerging best practices, coordinating and aligning local strategies, and addressing critical gaps that can be filled at the regional level. By statute, the RHCS must include the list of actions Metro will take to promote 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. At this MPAC meeting, the project team will provide updates on technical work and engagement and discuss the different roles that Metro plays in housing production, coordination and access. MPAC members will hear about high level ideas for the preliminary list of strategies and can provide feedback.

Outcome

MPAC members will learn about ongoing engagement, review Metro's nine roles within housing work, and hear preliminary suggested actions for the RHCS.

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

Technical analysis and engagement work is underway, including several meetings of the jurisdictional Implementers Work Group, a presentation to the Washington County Planning Directors and Clackamas County Coordinating Committee. Metro Council received an update about the preliminary list of actions. The project team and consultants are continuing development of the draft evaluation framework for organizing and prioritizing the suggested actions.

What packet material do you plan to include?

Handout - Metro's roles in housing production, coordination and access