

## METRO'S STATE-MANDATED REGIONAL HOUSING COORDINATION STRATEGY: FINAL DRAFT

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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 have completed the public comment draft RHCS, which proposes a list of actions that Metro will undertake to promote housing production, affordability, and choice. At this final Council work session, the project leads will describe final revisions to the RHCS based on the key takeaways from the public comment period and present the recommendation from MPAC. Councilors can ask questions and provide direction on finalizing the RHCS for adoption.

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 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 and access in greater Portland.

### ACTION REQUESTED

Metro Council will receive the recommendation from MPAC and review the final revisions to the RHCS based on feedback from the public comment period. Council will be asked to instruct staff on any final adjustments needed before the Resolution to approve the RHCS returns to Council in December for a vote.

## **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

In a subsequent public meeting in December 2025, the Council will have the opportunity to adopt a Resolution to approve the final RHCS. The Metro Council may consider the MPAC recommendation in their decision. If approved, Metro expects to implement the Strategy's actions over the next six years.

## **POLICY QUESTION(S)**

- Is the final RHCS ready for approval at your next meeting?
- Does the Council have comments on implementation of strategy actions?

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

The Council may provide staff with direction on:

- Finalizing the RHCS

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff updated the draft strategy based on feedback from the public comment period that resulted in sixteen actions for Council review. Staff recommend that the Council provides final instruction on any necessary adjustments to the strategy before the next meeting to vote on Resolution 25-5535.

## **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 the preliminary list of actions and results from the evaluation framework at the previous work session on July 29, 2025. Prior to this meeting, the May 20 work session covered Metro's roles in housing and preliminary action ideas. A previous work session in February covered the project scope of work and engagement plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Resolution No. 25-5535
2. Executive Summary (November 2025)
3. Regional Housing Coordination Strategy (Final Draft)
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