

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Regional Housing Coordination Strategy: Scope of work and engagement plan

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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. At this MPAC meeting, the project leads will present the draft scope of work and engagement plan.

The primary goal of the RHCS is to create a roadmap for actions Metro will advance to promote housing production, coordination, and access. This will be achieved 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 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. This RHCS creates several opportunities for alignment within Metro's existing body of work and to build on initiatives already underway to promote housing in greater Portland.

Outcome

MPAC members will learn about the scope of work and the engagement planned to develop the RHCS.

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

Staff has hired a consultant team to help complete the analysis work and facilitate engagement activities. Metro Council received a project overview and provided feedback on the engagement strategy and work plan.

What packet material do you plan to include?

RHCS scope of work summary