

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-5458: FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DIRECTION TO  
METRO STAFF FOR FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 2024 URBAN GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT DECISION

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

Under state law, the Metro Council is required – at least every six years – to determine whether the urban growth boundary (UGB) has adequate land for expected housing and job growth. The Metro Council last made this determination in December 2024. At the time, the Metro Council also indicated its desire to have a follow up discussion of several topics that arose during the decision process, followed by a Council resolution providing direction to Metro staff.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 25-5458.

**IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Through adoption of Resolution No. 25-5458, the Metro Council may provide direction to staff to address the topics listed below, including:

- Improve the incorporation of racial equity considerations into growth management.
- Clarify the Council's interests related to topics such as housing densities, housing mixes, housing affordability, racial equity analysis, Tribal consultation, and public engagement when local jurisdictions are planning for new urban areas.
- Convene a taskforce to discuss challenges to industrial site readiness.
- Advance regional housing production.
- Ensure that Metro population and employment forecasts are based on the best available information and methodologies.

**POLICY QUESTION(S)**

Does the Council wish to provide direction to staff as described in Resolution No. 25-5458?

**POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

The Council may consider adoption of Resolution No. 25-5458 as drafted or may choose to amend the Resolution to clarify its direction.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the Council consider whether Resolution No. 25-5458 reflects its intended direction to staff.

**STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Regional urban growth management decisions have long been one of the Metro Council's core responsibilities. The Metro UGB – first adopted in 1979 – is one of Metro's tools for achieving the 2040 Growth Concept's vision for compact growth, thereby protecting farms and forests outside the UGB and focusing public and private investment in existing communities. These are all key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and expanding housing options.

Metro strives to improve its engagement practices, analyses, and decision outcomes with every growth management cycle. These efforts are in that vein.

**BACKGROUND**

At its March 7, 2023 work session, the Council directed staff to begin implementing the work program for the 2024 urban growth management decision. The Council finalized its decision in December 2024. The Council had a work session on January 28, 2025 to discuss its potential interests related to improvements to growth management processes. Staff were asked to return with a proposed resolution memorializing Council's direction.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None