

METRO'S STATE-MANDATED REGIONAL HOUSING COORDINATION STRATEGY

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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 Council meeting, the project leads will ask the Council to vote to adopt a Resolution approving the final RHCS.

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

Council will be asked to vote on a Resolution to approve the final RHCS.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

If the RHCS is approved, staff will submit the strategy to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for review and final approval. If approved, Metro expects to implement the Strategy's actions over the next six years.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

- Does the Council approve the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

The Council may vote to approve the RHCS through Resolution 25-5535. Since Metro is required by DLCD to complete and submit a Housing Coordination Strategy by December 31, 2025, if the Council does not approve the RHCS, Metro will be out of compliance with ORS 197A.365.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend that the Council vote to approve the RHCS through 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

Earlier in December, the RHCS project team updated the Council on feedback from the public comment period, related changes to the final proposed RHCS, and the recommendation from MPAC. Over the summer, the 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

None