



Metro

Introducing Metro's state-mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

MPAC

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State requirements under OHNA

- HB 2003 established the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) framework
- Cities and unincorporated counties with populations over 10,000 are required to create Housing Production Strategies every six years
- Metro is required to create a Regional Housing Coordination Strategy (RHCS) within one year of UGB decision (by Dec 2025)

State role vs. Metro role

- Rulemaking
- Approve local housing strategies
- Housing target allocations
- Accountability Office

- Coordination at the regional level
- Align with local efforts and existing regional programs
- Update the RHCS every 6 years

What is the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy?

List of actions Metro will take to promote housing development and access

- Coordinate with local production strategies
- Fill regional gaps (resources, capacity, tools)

Data and analysis required

- Socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of households
- Inventory of measures implemented by Metro
- Market conditions
- Inventory of existing and expected barriers to planning or development of housing
- Evaluation of potential strategies

Approach

- Collaboration between Metro Housing and Planning, Development and Research Departments
- Coordination with local jurisdictions
- Engagement with housing developers and advocates
- Fair housing and racial equity lens

Draft vision statement

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.

Process

- Scope development
- Analysis
- Ongoing engagement
- Strategy evaluation
- Adoption

Ideas and feedback compiled from a variety of engagement activities result in a preliminary list of potential strategies

An evaluation framework is developed, based on relevant technical analysis work

The potential list of strategies is assessed through the evaluation framework

Final RHCS

Scoping activities

- **Research** – summary of existing local Housing Production Strategies (HPS) and recent engagement
- **Metro staff interviews**—DEI staff & department equity managers
- **External interviews**—staff of jurisdictions that have completed HPSs; key subject matter experts

Engagement approach

- **Implementers Work Group**
 - 18 cities required to complete HPSs
 - Counties – planning and fair housing staff
 - Housing authorities/divisions
- **External focus groups**
 - Home Building Association and multi-unit developers
 - Housing Oregon and affordable housing developers
 - Housing advocacy organizations and providers
- **Interviews**





Additional engagement

- Internal staff coordination meetings
- MTAC
- MPAC
- CORE
- Council

Racial equity framework – four reviews

- Engagement plan and scope of work (Winter 2025)
- Preliminary engagement themes and data justice goals (Spring 2025)
- Evaluation framework (Summer 2025)
- Final RHCS (Fall 2025)

Schedule

2024	2025												
Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Scoping 													
		Draft strategies					Continued engagement						
		Analysis											
				Evaluation									
									Review + approval 				

 Equity framework check-in

 Council briefings

Discussion

- Do you have any feedback about the scope of work or engagement approach?
- What strategies or actions are best suited for Metro to include in the RHCS?

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