

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: 2018 Urban Growth Management Decision: the trends behind regional population and employment growth

Presenter: Moderator: Anna Griffin, News Director, Oregon Public Broadcasting
Panelists: Sheila Martin, Director, PSU Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies
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Purpose/Objective

Help prepare MPAC for its September 2018 recommendation to the Metro Council on its 2018 urban growth management decision.

Action Requested/Outcome

No action at this time. The desired outcome of this discussion is that MPAC becomes more familiar with the trends behind the current regional forecast, which will be documented in the 2018 Urban Growth Report, to be released in late June 2018.

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

The regional population and employment forecast is a primary component of the analysis that Metro and its partners produce to inform the Metro Council's urban growth management decisions.

MPAC last considered a regional forecast in the course of the 2015 urban growth management decision. Since that time, the Metro Council adopted the 2015 forecast and directed staff that it intended to make its next urban growth management decision in 2018. Making a growth management decision in 2018 requires an updated regional forecast. Metro staff facilitated a peer review of the new regional forecast.

Most of the participants in this panel discussion participated in the forecast peer review process. The moderated panel discussion is intended to illuminate some of the trends underlying the updated draft forecast, such as demographic changes, migration flows, and economic conditions after the Great Recession.

What packet material do you plan to include?

Draft 2018-2038 Regional Forecast Quick Reference.