

Regional Centers Framework Scoping

Regional Staff Committee

June 4, 2026



Agenda

- Centers Refresher
 - Update on the redesignation process
- Potential Framework Updates
 - Topics/Scope
- Input and Feedback
- Next Steps





Regional Centers - Refresher

Centers overview...how we got here

2018 Regional Centers Framework

- Criteria and planning expectations for existing centers
- Criteria for new centers
- Process to designate countywide centers



Redesignation Recommendations/Action

30 Regional Growth Centers

- 14 Centers met criteria
- 16 Centers met criteria with conditions

10 Manufacturing/Industrial Growth Centers *GMPB Recommendation**

- 5 Centers: meet criteria
- 5 Centers: meet criteria with conditions

*pending Executive Board action



Regional Centers Process & Timeline

GMPB
MIC Redesignation
Recommendations
Exec Board Action

May/June
2026

Framework
Scoping &
Research

Summer
2026

Input on
Potential
Updates

Fall
2026

Action on
Framework
Updates

Winter
2026

New Centers
Application
Window Open

2027/
2028





Framework Updates – Identifying Themes



Why Consider Updating the Centers Framework?



- Limited Scope/Goal: *better support centers*
- Feedback from redesignation and systems monitoring
- Changes on the ground
- New state laws (HB 1491, 1220)



Limited Topics: Overview

RGCs

- TOD/Density
- Housing
- Boundaries
- Sense of Place

MICs

- Shifts in economic demands
- Uses in “Core Industrial” Zones
- Environmental impacts

Other Topics

- Clarify Processes
- Equity Advisory Committee Review



Potential Topics to Update: RGCs

Density/Alignment with TOD Bill

- Review existing/planned densities
- Consider alignment with of HB 1491 – density near transit

Housing

- Types & affordability
- Alignment with HB 1220/1491

Boundaries & Connectivity

- Size, shape, addressing areas divided by highways
- Improve walkability

Social Infrastructure

- Encourage unique sense of place
- Encourage amenities



Potential Topics to Update: MICs

Compatible Uses

- Reevaluate definition of “core industrial zoning”

Economic Shifts

- Decline in manufacturing jobs
- Demand for battery/energy storage
- Assess job impacts

Environmental Impacts

- Research/guidance on disproportionate community impacts



Discussion Questions

- Is this the right list of topics to explore?
 - What adjustments are needed?
- Mentimeter Ranking:
 - Given the limited scope of this update, which of these topics should be prioritized?
- Other thoughts?

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Recap & Next Steps

What we've heard today...

Next Steps:

- Executive Board Action on MICs-June
- EAC Input on Subarea Planning-June/July
- Follow up conversations with RSC-Fall 2026
- Discussions & recommendations with GMPB





Thank You!

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