

Regional Housing Strategy Implementation



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Overview

- Background & Past Work
- Update on the Regional Housing Strategy
- Future Work
- Board Discussion
- Next Steps



Regional Housing Work



Past & Ongoing Work

Housing Innovations Program – A collection of planning resources promote housing affordability and new housing choices

2019 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey – A survey to local jurisdictions to learn how they use regulatory incentives and tools

Housing Element Guide – A resource for developing housing elements that address housing choices and affordability in local comprehensive plan

Annual Housing Affordability Performance Trend – Data about housing costs and affordability



Taking Stock 2016 – Housing Elements

- Housing affordability was an **important and challenging policy area** across the region
- Many plans included **robust housing needs analyses**, new tools and commitments to explore housing strategies,
- Regulatory tools and subsidies are **insufficient to meet the growing need**



Regional Housing Strategy



Development of Strategy



Regional Housing Strategy Implementation

Monitoring— A framework to track performance and outcomes over time and identify challenges or barriers over time

Typology –Develop and use a typology to identify the strategies, tools, and actions that have the most potential to make an impact in different types of places

Plan Review – Develop resources and guidance and convene stakeholders to support the 2024 major periodic comprehensive plan update



Additional Regional Housing Work

H- Action-2 – Regional Housing Assistance

- Guidance for developing local housing targets, model housing policies, and **best housing practices**
- **Technical assistance** to support local jurisdictions in developing effective housing strategies, action plans, and programs
- Collection and analysis of **regional housing data**
- Technical assistance in support of effective local actions to address **displacement**



HB 1220 – Updated Requirements for Housing Elements

- Amended GMA calls on local jurisdictions to “**plan and accommodate**” for housing affordable to all income levels
- Dept. of Commerce and stakeholders working on **guidance to support local implementation**
- PSRC **engaging in process** and can provide additional support and guidance



Regional Staff Committee Feedback

- Identify what actions are most **successful at the local level**
- Future guidance better assessing what **local governments can control** regarding housing and what is outside the scope of local work
- Support for **state reform** to promote the development of **moderate density** (missing middle) housing



Questions for the Board

- What resources and technical assistance are needed for upcoming housing work, such as the major periodic comprehensive plan update?
- How can PSRC best support housing work and fill in gaps over the next 1-2 years? Is there other work that should be a focus after the 2024 plan updates?



Next Steps

- PSRC staff will engage the board in the implementation of the Regional Housing Strategy at regular intervals





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Thank you.