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

- Regional Housing Strategy
- Housing Needs Assessments
- Housing Elements
- Housing Action Plans
- Zoning/Development Regs
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
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

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment
- Tools & Actions
- Implementation & Monitoring
Development of Strategy

Spring 2020
- Work Plan

Fall 2020/Winter 2021
- Needs Assessment

Summer 2021
- Draft Strategy
  - Public Comment

Winter 2022
- Finalize Strategy
  - December 2021/January 2022 Executive Board & EAC Review Strategy
  - Adopted 2/24/22

October 7, 2021 – GMPB Recommend Draft Strategy to Executive Board
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**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
**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**
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.
• 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.
Thank you.

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