

Board of Directors

Meeting date: October 16, 2024

Agenda Item #: 9

Discussion of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

Acceptance of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Background

Metro Vision, which was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors in 2017, provides clear guidance on housing, with a vision that diverse housing options meet the needs of residents of all ages, incomes and abilities, which recognizes that housing needs may differ by age, life stage, changes in familial status, household size, income or ability. DRCOG's Board of Directors was intentional and thoughtful as they considered the appropriate role and methods for pursuing regional housing work. Several board retreats and work sessions contributed to the consensus for pursuing a Regional Housing Assessment to articulate the scale and scope of the region's housing need and identify the systemic barriers to addressing housing in our region.

From September 2023 through July 2024, DRCOG and the consultant team of ECONorthwest, Community Planning Collaborative, and MIG engaged a cross-sector advisory group, the Board of Directors and approximately 200 stakeholders to develop the [Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#). In addition to the report analyzing housing needs, barriers to meeting housing needs and a framework for development of a regional housing strategy, the project team developed the [Denver Region Housing Needs Profiles interactive dashboard](#). The dashboard allows users to explore housing need by regional submarket and local jurisdiction.

With the knowledge and understanding built through the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, DRCOG plans to launch a Regional Housing Strategy in November 2024. The request before the DRCOG Board is to accept the Regional Housing Assessment as a guide for DRCOG's future housing planning, strategy, and action. This acceptance acknowledges the assessment as a tool for understanding the regional housing need and barriers to addressing that need that DRCOG will undertake in the next phase of a Regional Housing Strategy.

The context of state laws has evolved since DRCOG embarked on this work over three years ago. DRCOG staff will continue to monitor the implementation of the [Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance Act](#) and work toward making this assessment a resource for local governments as they pursue compliance with state laws.



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Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[July 17, 2024 – Board of Directors](#)

[April 4, 2024 – Board work session](#)

[January 3, 2024 – Board work session](#)

[December 7, 2022 Board Work Session](#)

[April 2, 2022 Board Retreat](#)

[May 4, 2022 Board Work Session: Housing and the regional transportation planning process](#)

Recommendation

Move to accept the Regional Housing Needs Assessment as a guide for future housing planning, strategy and action.

Attachments

Staff presentation

For more information

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