



Homes for greater Portland

Regional housing measure: Where we stand, where we could go

WHAT WE KNOW

- Housing affordability is a top-tier concern for residents throughout the region – across city and county lines and demographic groups.
- 75 people move to the greater Portland region every day, straining our supply of affordable homes.
- Only 1 in 3 low-income families in the region can find an affordable rental home. Middle-income families struggle too.
- Regional voters believe this is a crisis that can be solved – and they want to be a part of the solution.



GOALS

- Create more permanently affordable homes throughout the region through new construction and acquisition
- Increase housing stability and opportunity for working families, seniors, communities of color, veterans and people experiencing homelessness
- Collaborate with community stakeholders and local government partners to structure programs based in best practices, innovation and equitable outcomes

POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK

- **Land for homes:** Acquiring land for building affordable homes with good access to transit and amenities
- **Affordable homes:** Funding for local governments, housing authorities and private/non-profit builders*:
 - Fill financing gaps and build new affordable homes
 - Acquisition and rehabilitation of at-risk affordable homes

**A potential amendment to the Oregon Constitution would allow bond funds to be granted to private and non-profit entities and leverage other funding sources, such as low-income housing tax credits.*

NEXT STEPS

- Convene stakeholder and technical advisory committees to assist with measure development and make a recommendation to Metro COO
- Engage with partners to maximize equitable outcomes in the measure
- Collaborate with partners exploring an Oregon constitutional amendment to help funding create more homes*
- Continue research, engagement and analysis to shape measure
- Metro Council consideration of referral in late spring for the November ballot

