



# Bellevue Planning Commission

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## PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

### SUBJECT

Overview of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Housing Opportunities by Place (HOP)

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### POLICY ISSUES

PSRC staff will present an overview of the HOP. The [Regional Housing Strategy](#) provides the region an opportunity to take a more coordinated approach to address housing access and affordability. A typology is a way to retain a commonality of approach regionally while tailoring recommendations to specific locations based on their needs and opportunities. During scoping for the Regional Housing Strategy, PSRC heard from stakeholders that “everyone has a role to play” and the strategy should focus on a few key goals and group actions based on local conditions to underscore that all jurisdictions have a role to play regardless of size, market conditions, demographics, or staff capacity. The typology is a way to address this feedback.

Housing access and affordability are key policy areas in [VISION 2050](#), the region’s long-range plan for growth. VISION 2050 calls for the region to better assess and address housing needs through a coordinated regional housing strategy and a regional housing needs assessment and informs the City’s Periodic Update.

Tonight’s briefing is an opportunity for the Planning Commission to learn more about the HOP and its application for the City’s ongoing Comprehensive Plan Update.

### DIRECTION NEEDED FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**ACTION**

**DIRECTION**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

No direction is needed from the Commission at this time. PSRC staff will present background and information relating to the HOP which informs the City’s Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update.

### BACKGROUND

PSRC’s Executive Board adopted the Regional Housing Strategy in February 2022. The Regional Housing Strategy is a “playbook” of regional and local actions to preserve, improve, and expand housing stock in the region. The aim is to make a range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices available to every resident and to promote fair and equal access to housing for all people.

PSRC staff worked to identify potential tools and action from the Regional Housing Strategy and [Housing Innovations Program \(HIP\)](#) for each type of place, and actions all jurisdictions in the region should consider implementing.

The tools and actions were sorted based on the policy objectives for the different types of places, the direction set in Regional Housing Strategy, findings from [2019 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey](#) on what tools and incentives are most effective at the local level, and feedback from the Regional Staff Committee and other housing stakeholders.

The list of tools and actions for each type of place is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather a starting point for local jurisdictions looking to do more to address housing access and affordable, and additional options for next steps for jurisdictions that have already implemented some tools and actions.

### ***Web Platform for Typology and Resources***

PSRC explored the best ways to share the finalized typology, including maps of the types of places, the tools and actions for the different types of places, and resources to help local jurisdictions implement the tools and actions to better address housing access and affordability.

Staff developed a web platform with an interactive map that allows a user to select a census tract/type of place and get information on the recommended tools and actions for that type of place. The web platform can also show the connections between various tools and actions, i.e., show the need for upzoning to be implemented in tandem with displacement mitigation tools.

The web platform is available online at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/housing-typology>.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A