

Board of Directors

Meeting date: March 19, 2025

Agenda Item #: 11

Regional Housing Needs Assessment and State Compliance Public Review

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Update on DRCOG's pursuance of state compliance for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and the required public review by local governments.

Background

The [Sustainable Housing Assistance Act](#) (Senate Bill 2024-174) sets requirements for conducting housing needs assessments and housing action plans at the local and state level and allows regional entities to submit a regional housing needs assessment that can be utilized by local governments for compliance. The Act also lays out a process for local and regional entities to submit existing assessments conducted after January 1, 2022 and before December 31, 2024 for compliance.

DRCOG submitted the [Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#), which was accepted by the DRCOG Board of Directors at their October 16, 2024 meeting, to the Department of Local Affairs for compliance and received notice on February 26, 2025 that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment is conditionally approved for substantial compliance.

To complete the compliance process, DRCOG will need to add additional data and facilitate a public review of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment by local governments in the region. The additional data and information prepared by DRCOG staff to meet compliance with this Act do not change the assessment's primary findings. DRCOG staff plan to represent these additions and clarifications through supplements in the [Denver Region Housing Needs Profiles interactive dashboard](#).

Local governments that wish to use DRCOG's Regional Housing Needs Assessment as their state-required housing assessment are required to review the Regional Housing Needs Assessment at a public meeting of their governing body and submit comments to DRCOG. DRCOG is then required to submit all of the comments received to the Department of Local Affairs. Local governments that do not conduct a public review will not have the opportunity to utilize the Regional Housing Needs Assessment for the state-required needs assessment. DRCOG staff have planned a thorough outreach process that meets the public review specifications in the Act and allows member governments to learn the process in order to make decisions on how they will proceed. DRCOG staff will review this outreach plan during this informational briefing.



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Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[October 16, 2024 – Acceptance of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#)

[November 20, 2024 – Regional Housing Needs Assessment and State Compliance](#)

Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

Staff presentation

For more information

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