



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

FROM: Nicole Mardell, AICP, Senior Planner

DATE: August 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Panel Discussion: Housing Planning in Oregon

I. BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2025, the Planning Commission will host a Housing Panel to discuss regional housing planning in Deschutes County. This panel will serve as an introduction to the topic. Presentations will be informational, allowing for an open-ended conversation about current housing conditions and trends.

The Planning Commission requested panel discussions during its review of the FY 2025-2026 Community Development Department Work Plan, to better understand planning issues facing Deschutes County. An additional panel discussion focused on the unincorporated community of Terrebonne is planned for Fall 2025.

II. PANEL AGENDA AND PARTICIPATION

The panel presentation will be in the following format:

- Brief introduction by staff (5 min)
- Brent Bybee, Community Development Director, City of La Pine (15 min)
 - Discussion of trends, opportunities, challenges, and constraints in housing planning and development for the youngest city in Oregon.
- Brian Rankin, Senior Strategist, City of Bend and Matt Stuart, Director of Real Estate Facilities, City of Bend (25 min)
 - Discussion of trends, opportunities, challenges, and constraints in housing planning and development in the largest city in Deschutes County. Strategies

for addressing houselessness, use of city-owned property for affordable housing, and one-time urban growth boundary amendment processes.

- Morgan Greenwood, VP, Government Affairs, Central Oregon Builders Association (15 min)
 - Overview of key state directives for housing. Discussion of challenges, opportunities, and constraints from the builders' perspective regarding housing development in cities and rural area of the county.
- Q&A with panelists (20 min)

III. NEXT STEPS

The Planning Commission will host the Housing Panel on September 11, 2025.