



Regional Voice Committee Agenda

March 5, 2020

Noon to 1:30 pm at GPCOG Office

970 Baxter Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Portland Maine

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. Accept minutes of 9-9-19 meeting.

3. GPCOG advocacy survey results. (30 minutes)

Staff report: Last week we completed a member survey on advocacy and member service issues. The attached memo summarizes our immediate findings. Chris Hall will review the memo and lead a discussion.

Outcome: Committee input on how to best advance identified priorities in the region and at the state house through municipal action.

4. State of the Region preview. (30 minutes).

Staff report: On March 25th GPCOG will host its first “State of the Region” event at Ocean Gateway in Portland. As a part of the event GPCOG will be releasing a *State of the Region 2020* report, identifying the demographic, environmental and housing challenges facing our region, and convening a regional effort to use transportation as the unifying means of addressing these interconnected forces that will shape our region’s future.

Outcome: Kristina Egan and Chris Hall will share a preview of the “State of the Region 2020” report and lead a discussion with members about how communities can best advance their own priorities in the “State of the Region” framework.

5. Housing issues in the region. (20 minutes)

Staff report: Short term rentals have been identified by committee members as a topic for discussion – we’ll do that, and also touch on the status LD 1956 (GPCOG testimony attached) and ongoing efforts at the Metro Regional Coalition to expand regional housing choices.

Outcome: Information and discussion.

6. Adjourn at 1:30 pm.