Rough Draft Outline of Major Goals for
the HART 5-Year Affordable Housing Action Plan

Based on discussion to date, subject to change.
Working Draft document dated July 29, 2019

This working document is based on the results of the exercise at HART’s July 18 meeting. It has been shared with the Work Groups, which have been asked to refer to these goals in their concept write-ups to be presented at Meeting 5. HART will be asked to review / edit / approve this document at Meeting 5.

Overarching Goal: Identify priorities for action in the next 5 years, by Cities and the County, to accelerate our collective ability to meet the affordable housing needs of all County residents, and set a foundation for continued success through 2050. (HART Mission statement, restated)

Major Component Goals of the Action Plan to date: (wording subject to change; not prioritized)

1. Develop and implement outreach and education programs, for both countywide use and use by individual cities, to raise awareness of affordable housing challenges and support for action to address those challenges.

2. Promote greater housing growth and diversity to achieve a variety of housing types at a range of affordability and improve the jobs/housing connections. All income segments should be addressed. (The first sentence was the top rated item on the screening ballot. The second sentence captures the HART’s emphasis on addressing affordability to all segments of the community.)

3. Identify and act on strategies to preserve existing affordable housing, while acknowledging that the need for increased density may create tension with this goal in some instances.

4. Take steps to increase density of housing on transit corridors and in job centers, while acknowledging that additional housing is needed across the entire County.

5. Identify an ongoing means of tracking our progress and supporting ongoing regional collaboration around the creation of more affordable housing