

Committee of the Whole

Meeting date: Feb 2, 2022

Subject: 2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite Housing Report

District(s), Member(s): ALL

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. §§ 473.864, subd. 2 and 473.859, subds. 2 and 4

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Proposed Action

No action necessary. This is an information item only.

Background

Council staff have been working with the region's local governments to review 2040 comprehensive plans since the Council issued System Statements in September 2015. Council staff provided planning resources, administered planning grant assistance funds, facilitated requests for deadline extensions, provided preliminary review of plans, and to date have facilitated review for 164 of 168 expected plans and authorized 150 plans.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 7, 2021, Council staff provided a status of comprehensive plan reviews including initial takeaways from the 2040 comprehensive plans. This presentation will take a deeper dive specifically into housing review of the 2040 comprehensive plans.

The composite will highlight preliminary regional housing analysis including land guided for affordable housing, locally identified housing needs, and locally identified housing tool use. The presentation will provide a comparison of housing requirements between the 2030 plans with the 2040 plans, and begin the discussion about housing requirements for the 2050 plans.

Staff will ask Council members to discuss how the lessons learned from housing review may impact regional housing policy development over the next few years. By 2025, the next regional development guide will be completed, including regional housing policy with a focus on requirements for consistency in 2050 comprehensive plans. This presentation provides a starting point for the conversation about housing requirements for consistency with regional housing policy for the next round of comprehensive plans.

Committee members may wish to review the context in which local governments were developing their 2040 plans by reviewing a few additional resources. We presented to Committee of the Whole in early 2021 on [Comprehensive Plan Composite](#), generally focusing on land use trends that are reflected in the full update of communities' comprehensive plans. [Thrive MSP 2040](#) and the accompanying system and policy plans provide regional policy context. You may also wish to review the Committee of the Whole presentation on September 15, 2021 that addressed [affordable housing trends in the 2011-2020 decade](#), which provides context to consider trends from updated comprehensive plans.