

Information Item

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Topic

Local Planning Stories: Equity

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. §473.145

Staff Prepared/Presented: Angela R. Torres, 651-602-1566, Raya Esmaeili, 651-602-1616 with City Guests: Cynthia Smith-Strack, City of Belle Plaine, and Julie Farnham, City of Bloomington

Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

Background

At the last Committee of the Whole meeting on April 6, 2022, Council staff provided a summary analysis of equity in 2040 comprehensive plans. At this Committee, we have invited local government representatives to discuss in more detail how their communities are planning for equity and moving forward to implement initiatives and programs that further equitable outcomes for all residents of their community. Staff from the cities of Belle Plaine and Bloomington will each share their own community's story, and then Council staff will facilitate a panel discussion with our guest speakers with opportunity for Council Members to engage in the conversation.

Throughout the year, Council staff will continue to invite local government representatives to share their planning stories with the Council to provide an opportunity to both hear directly from communities and highlight efforts exceptional planning efforts. Council staff welcome ideas on topics for future conversations.

