

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

Subject: Accept public comment report on the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* and adopt the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*

District(s), Member(s): ALL

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.145

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Policy and Research

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Accept the public comment report on the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*;
- Adopt the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* as part of the comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 473.145, superseding and replacing any housing policies adopted by the Council prior to the May 28, 2014 adoption of *Thrive MSP 2040*.
- Use the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* as the basis for making investment decisions, expanding the Council's technical assistance and informational resources, and providing advisory comments to local governments.

Background

The Metropolitan Council started work on the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* in early 2013 and convened its Housing Policy Plan Work Group in summer 2013. The *2040 Housing Policy Plan* is building off of the rich outreach, engagement, and policy discussion underlying *Thrive MSP 2040*.

Rationale

The *2040 Housing Policy Plan* provides an integrated policy framework that unifies the Council's existing roles in housing and identifies opportunities for the Council to more effectively support housing and a mix of housing affordability across the region.

Funding

The development of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* has been a part of the Metropolitan Council Community Development Division workplan.

Known Support / Opposition

The Council's Housing Policy Plan Work Group has convened a variety of housing stakeholders to advise the Council on the development of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*. Recognizing that housing policy is complex and that pleasing everyone is nearly impossible, the members of the Housing Policy Plan Work Group have expressed that they are satisfied with the content and direction of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*.