

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: November 6, 2017

**Subject:** 2017 Housing Performance Scores

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** *2040 Housing Policy Plan*

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

None. Information only at this time.

### Background

Council staff recently distributed final [2017 Housing Performance Scores](#) to cities and townships across the region. Calculated using the [Guidelines for Priority Funding for Housing Performance](#), Housing Performance Scores assess and recognize local efforts in developing and maintaining housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households through a variety of programs and services. Council staff calculate Housing Performance Scores for all [communities that participate in the Livable Communities Act](#) and/or have an [Allocation of Affordable Housing Need](#).

A higher Housing Performance Score can improve competitiveness for grant funding through the Livable Communities Demonstration Account and the Tax Base Revitalization Account; Housing Performance Scores are used inversely in the Local Housing Initiatives Account to spur affordable housing activities in communities with less existing affordable housing (i.e., a lower score gives greater priority). The Scores are also used in the Regional Solicitation for federal transportation funding, accounting for 7 percent of a proposal's total score.

As outlined in the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*, the Council will review the methodology for determining Housing Performance Scores biennially with the next update due in 2018. At that time, staff will convene a working group and solicit feedback from external stakeholders including local government officials, Metro Cities and others. The work group process is intended to ensure that the Housing Performance Scores best meet the objectives of incentivizing and rewarding outstanding performance in addressing communities' housing needs.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The Council uses the Housing Performance Scores to create incentives for local governments to advance the Thrive Equity strategy of "Creating real choices in where we live... for all residents, across race, ethnicity, economic means, and ability." By tying housing performance with the competitiveness for grant funding through the Livable Communities Act programs and the Regional Solicitation for federal transportation funding, the Council is "Using [its] influence and investments to build a more equitable region."