

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: April 2, 2018

**Subject:** Housing Policy Plan: Indicators Update

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** [2040 Housing Policy Plan](#)

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### Information only

None, information and discussion only.

### Background

Adopted in December 2014, the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*, outlined 19 Housing Policy Plan Indicators to assess regional progress on the outcomes and strategies in the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* and indicated that:

“The Council will use the insights that emerge from analyzing the Housing Policy Plan Indicators to guide the Council’s future decisions. Most importantly, the focus on the Thrive outcomes creates the foundation for public dialogue with partners and stakeholders.” (*2040 Housing Policy Plan*, p. 87)

In addition, the Plan commits staff to:

“Prepare and share annual updates of the Housing Policy Plan Indicators, providing clear, easily accessible information about regional progress and Council housing policies.” (*2040 Housing Policy Plan*, p. 88)

An interactive dashboard of the indicators was published on [www.metrocouncil.org](http://www.metrocouncil.org) in November 2016. At the April 2 Community Development Committee meeting, staff will present updated data on the Housing Policy Plan Indicators in a revised interface. As the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* committed the Council to use these indicators as a foundation for continuous improvement and public accountability, staff encourage Community Development Committee members to use the Indicators to explore key questions posed in the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*:

- “What do the indicators tell us about the state of housing in the region and the Council’s policies?”
- Which policies are working well? How might we revise our policies where performance is less than our expectations?”
- What can and will the Council do to advance these housing outcomes, and what will others do to advance these outcomes?”
- And where are the gaps, overlaps, and opportunities?” (*2040 Housing Policy Plan*, p. 87)

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Housing plays a key role in advancing all five Thrive outcomes. The *2040 Housing Policy Plan* outlines housing strategies that advance the Thrive

outcomes and identifies Council roles, local responsibilities, and local opportunities to implement these strategies. The Housing Policy Plan Indicators quantitatively assess regional progress, and the insights that emerge from analyzing the Housing Policy Plan Indicators will guide the Council's future decisions.