

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: February 5, 2018

**Subject:** Trends in Comprehensive Plan Amendments, 2010-2017

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Metropolitan Land Planning Act (Minn. Stat. 473.175)

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

### Proposed Action

None. This item is presented for information purposes only.

### Background

To support continued conversations regarding planning and development trends in the region, staff analyzed the trends in comprehensive plan amendments during the timeframe from 2010 to 2017. This timeframe reflects the period starting when the Council had reviewed nearly all of the 2030 comprehensive plan updates through the end of last year.

Communities amend their comprehensive plans for a variety of reasons, including to respond to specific development proposals, to incorporate the work of small area or station area planning, and to reflect changes in the plans of other jurisdictions. Communities must send proposed amendments to the Council for review prior to local implementation.

During this study period (2010-2017), the Council reviewed 547 comprehensive plan amendments, with 74 in the year 2017. At the Committee meeting, staff will present detailed information on the types of amendments, the relationship to housing density, the geographic distribution of amendments, and additional land use information.