

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: January 6, 2020

Subject: Status Update on 2040 Comprehensive Plan Reviews

District(s), Member(s): ALL

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. §§ 473.864, subd. 2 and 473.869

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

Proposed Action

No action necessary. This is an information item only.

Background

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act (MLPA) requires each local governmental unit to review and, if necessary, amend its entire comprehensive plan at least once every ten years to ensure it conforms to metropolitan system plans. The deadline for local governmental units to complete their “decennial” updates was December 31, 2018, unless the Council granted an extension to that deadline.

Council staff have been working with the region’s communities to prepare for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan submittals since the Council issued System Statements in September 2015. This includes providing planning resources and process improvements, administering comprehensive planning grant assistance funds, facilitating requests for deadline extensions, providing preliminary review of plans, and receiving plan submittals online. During 2019, Council staff have worked to assess conformance with system plans, consistency with policy plans, and compatibility with plans of affected jurisdictions. This work includes review of submitted local comprehensive plans, technical assistance for local governments to respond to incomplete items and requests for additional information, and coordination of staff reports for local plan review through Council committees.

At the Committee meeting on January 6, 2020, staff will provide a brief update of the status of plan submissions, plan authorizations, and reviews in process. In addition, Council staff will share initial takeaways from local plans on topics of economic competitiveness, climate and resilience, housing, and equity.