

2040 Comprehensive Plan Debrief

Evaluation of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Review Process

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Community Development Committee



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- **Project Purpose**

- Evaluate resources and review procedures for the 2040 planning process
- Engage with local government staff and other stakeholders about their experiences

- **Project Outcomes**

- Rebuild and strengthen local government relationships
- Listen and learn from experiences of local government staff
- Specific recommendations for process improvements

Project Components

- 2020 Planner Survey
- Sector Rep One-on-Ones
- External Focus Groups (4)
- Land Use Advisory Committee Focus Group
- Internal Focus Groups (3)
- Summary and Recommendations

Feedback: What went well...

Resources



- Local Planning Handbook
- PlanIt Program
- PlanIt Conference
- Checklist
- Preliminary Reviews

Direct Assistance



- Planning Assistance Grants
- Sector Representatives
- MC Staff presentations
- Mapping and data

Process



- Deadline extensions
- Online submittal

Feedback: What didn't go well...

Process



- Incomplete letters
- Overly complex
- Lack of flexibility
- Difficult for small communities

Plan Components



- Inflow and Infiltration
- Housing policy
- Mixed use ratios

Clarity



- Connections between elements
- Required vs nice-to-have
- "How" to meet requirements
- "Why" required

Recommendation Categories



Improve Communication

Evaluate Planning Resources

Expand Technical Assistance

Focus on Quality Assurance and Quality Control

Improve Communication

More frequent 1:1s

Improve incomplete letter communications

Convene an advisory group of local planners for 2050 process

Evaluate Planning Resources

Update the Local Planning Handbook

Clearly outline the review process for all

Effectively explain completeness, conformance, consistency, and compatibility

Expand Technical Assistance

Encourage more participation in preliminary reviews

Engage with local planners early and often

Provide more templates and examples

Focus on Quality Assurance and Quality Control

Explain the “why” behind requirements

Explore how to simplify checklists

Evaluate staff capacity needs for 2050 reviews

Next Steps

- Metro Cities partnership
- Return to LUAC
- Re-engaging with local partners
- Finalize report and recommendations
- Prioritize and carry out improvements

Questions?

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