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…

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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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