

# Information Item

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting Date:** November 20, 2023

## Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Housing Policy Plan update

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minn. Stat. § 473.859.2
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## Background

The Metropolitan Council has begun development of the 2050 Regional Development Guide. The current Regional Development Guide, Thrive MSP 2040, along with the Council's metropolitan system and policy plans, are the governing documents that help guide the orderly growth and development of the region. System and policy plans include the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan, the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan, and the 2040 Housing Policy Plan.

This presentation will provide information recent work done to inform the Housing Policy Plan, what we have heard from city staff and housing professionals from around the region, and themes from resident engagement completed to date. Following this meeting, Council staff will continue to engage residents across the region on their vision and hopes for the future of housing in our region and continue work on preparing the Housing Policy Plan.

Council staff will ask Council Members several questions at the end of the presentation, including:

- What quotes surprised you or reflected something you hear from your residents?
- We are planning to have the Housing Policy Plan Technical Advisory Group provide high-level recommendations for policy. Is there any topic you would like us to have them provide detailed insight on?
- What information helps you make the best decision on policy direction?

Staff will return to Council committees on multiple occasions to seek Commissioners' and Council Members' guidance, input, and feedback. Minnesota State Statute 473.859.2 requires that the Council require that Cities promote the availability of land to support the development of moderate and low income housing. Completion of the policy plan update is expected in late 2024, aligned with the timelines for the other policy areas and components of the 2050 regional development guide.