

Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Topic

Draft 2050 Housing Policy Plan

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.145 Minn. Stat. § 473.859, subd. 2
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Background

The Metropolitan Council is writing the next Regional Development Guide, *Imagine 2050*. 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 continue building on a series of informational items and discussions with the Committee about the development of the *Imagine 2050* Housing Policy Plan. Most recently, at the March 4, 2024, Committee meeting, staff shared a preview of draft housing policy objectives. The attached draft includes more detailed – but still in-development – policies and actions for review by the Committee. It also outlines the planned contextual data, metrics/measurement frameworks, and implementation tools that will be developed over the coming months and incorporated into the final draft of the plan.

The Housing Policy Plan will contain Objectives, Policies, and Actions that carry the Council's regional values and cross-cutting goals through the areas of housing planning. Each of the Objectives and related Policies and Actions are separated into three sections representing the regional housing values that were identified through community engagement: Proximity and Choice, Dignity and Decency, Connection and Wellbeing.

Discussion

At the May 6 Committee meeting, staff will provide an overview of:

- The in-progress draft 2050 Housing Policy Plan (see attachment)
- Highlighted topics in the 2050 draft

Questions to guide discussion:

- How would you improve any proposed actions/policies to address both regional goals and potential local concerns?
- Do these policies respond with enough urgency and intensity to what you are hearing from our most vulnerable populations?
- Which objectives, policies, and actions are most resilient to unknown futures?

Table 1. Housing Policy Plan Draft Timeline

Date	Partner
May 2024	<i>Imagine 2050</i> Housing Policy Draft discussion with Committee
June – July 2024	<i>Imagine 2050</i> Housing Policy 60% draft content shared internally and posted externally for ongoing community engagement Staff incorporates ongoing feedback; develops and refines remainder of content
August 2024	Near-final (90%) draft posted for public comment
February 2025	Final adoption of all <i>Imagine 2050</i> content

