



Update on Land Use, Forecasts, Housing, and Regional Parks

Community Development Committee

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Today's Discussion



Updating on Progress before Public Comment Draft



Land Use Policy



Land Use Engagement Update



May 10, 2024	60% Draft Land Use Chapter at CDC
May 15, 2024	RDG WG
May 16, 2024	LUAC
June 5, 2024	Forecasts Discussion with Local Governments
June 10, 2024	Forecasts Discussion with Local Governments
June 13, 2024	Forecasts Discussion with Local Governments
June 25, 2024	Regional Planning Advisory Group (Special Meeting)
June 26, 2024	Forecasts Discussion with Local Governments
July 9, 2024	Open meeting on Land Use and Density Policy
July 16, 2024	Open meeting on Land Use and Density Policy
July 16, 2024	Forecasts Discussion with Urban Land Institute

Ongoing Conversations on Recommended Density Approaches

Density Policy Decisions

- Increase minimum density requirements.
- Restrain MUSA expansion and establish criteria for when expansion would be authorized.
- Establish a minimum density requirement for all new connections to the regional sewer system.*
- Evaluate the feasibility of demand and development of land uses based on practicality.

Administrative Practices and Guidelines

- Consider all land guided to support growth, not just areas of change
- Calculate density requirements per decade rather than over the planning horizon
- Use a performance-based approach to explore flexibility in minimum planning requirements while advancing regional goals.

Up Next for Land Use and Density Policy



Moving toward the public comment draft

- CDC and LUAC will continue discussions:
 - Density Analysis Report and Recommendations
 - TOD Analysis and Recommendations
 - Methodology to evaluate practical feasibility of demand and development
 - Criteria for MUSA Expansion
 - Criteria for performance-based flexibility and program needs (enrollment, eligibility, tracking)
- Balance revisions; weigh feedback of underrepresented communities to ensure voices are heard equitably.

American Indian Advisory Council



Timeline and Schedule



Themes of Recommended Commitments

Overarching Policy and Operational Commitments

- Acknowledgment
- Staffing and Resources
- Organizational Education
- Tribal Consultation and Engagement
- Organizational Change

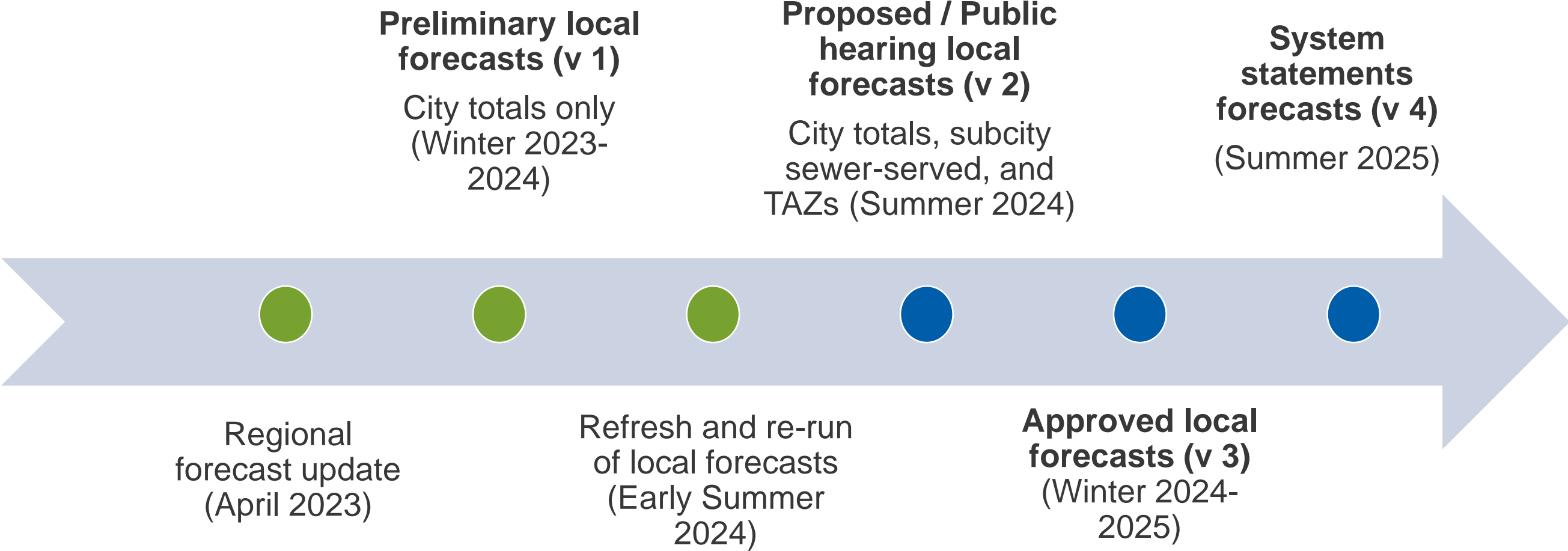
Policy Commitments

- Regional Parks and Trails Policy
- Water Policy
- Environmental Justice Policy
- Transportation Policy
- Housing Policy

Local forecasts for 2050



Forecast timeline parallels the *Imagine 2050* timeline



Why versions 1, 2, 3...?



We want to get this right

Preliminary Local Forecasts (version 1) does not yet reflect known/ proposed developments; transportation model results; nor any new regional policies.

- Local governments commented, Jan. 25 – Feb. 29

Proposed Local Forecasts (version 2) will update regional system characteristics, including a refresh of planned transportation and transit networks.

- Expected Summer 2024. Public hearing, Aug. 15 – Oct. 7, 2024

Improvements expected for proposed local forecasts (version 2)

Process programming adjustments

- Improvement of housing product mix prediction
- Improvement of population per household prediction

Data inputs

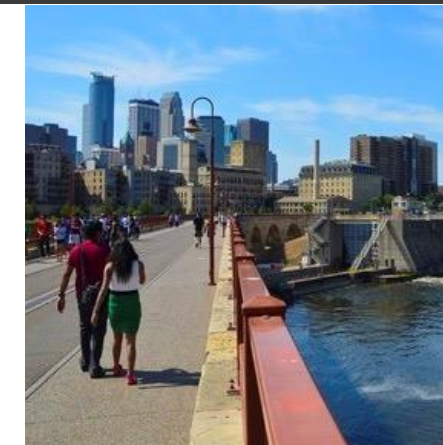
- Reflect known developments, in the right places, thru 2023
- Update predictor data: land values, local planned land use capacities
- Update system characteristics: 2050 MUSA, high frequency transit geography, future accessibility skims

Post-model limits and rules

- Constrain growth, to less than what could be modeled, where such growth would contravene policies

Multiple opportunities for adjustments

Jan. – Feb. 29, 2024	<p>Review and comment on Preliminary Local Forecasts v. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships
Aug. 15 – Oct. 7, 2024	<p>Review and comment on Proposed Local Forecasts v. 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships, subcity sewer-serviced, and Transportation Analysis Zones Part of public comment period for <i>Imagine 2050</i>
Sept. – Dec. 2025	<p>Review and comment on System Statement Local Forecasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships, subcity sewer-serviced and policy areas Part of appeals period for System Statements
2026 – 2028	<p>Preparation and review of Comprehensive Plan Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met Council and local governments can agree to local forecast revisions as expectations and plans evolve
2026 – 2034	<p>Preparation and review of Plan Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met Council and local governments can agree to local forecast revisions as expectations and plans evolve



Housing Policy



2050 Housing Policy Plan Objectives

Proximity & Choice

Fair Housing & Geographic Choice

People regardless of ability, age, financial status, race, and family size, can live in a community they choose

Options to Own or Rent

Rental and ownership options are available to all households regardless of income

Dignity & Safety

Quality

Affordable housing is built to a high standard and maintained, safe, and accessible for all residents

Stability

Stable, affordable, and dignified places to live are available to everyone, especially those experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness

Connection & Wellbeing

Cultural Connection & Wellbeing

Everyone has access to homes, not just housing

Equity

Repair historic and ongoing injustice in housing practices and outcomes

Environmental Justice

Housing in our region is resilient to climate change impacts and furthers environmental justice

Housing – Since we last saw you

We talked with:

- Community Development Committee (5/20)
- ULI Regional Housing Policy Workgroup (6/3)
- Regional Planning Advisory Group (6/4)
- American Indian Advisory Council (6/24)



Incorporating Feedback



What We Heard

Ensure any changes that affect local governments are clear

Communication needs to be clear, make sure the plan is understandable to everyone

Growing challenges for youth to afford housing (rental/ownership)

Preservation of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) of all types/incomes

Incorporate access to jobs and transit in planning for housing

How We Have Responded

Added overview of implementation of policies and actions

Adding glossary and reviewing language

Incorporating engagement data from Youth Leaders Cohort

Will continue to incorporate/elevate preservation

Job and worker locations as well as transportation included in Allocation of Affordable Housing Need

Up Next for Housing

Near Future

- Art + Policy visual artist collaboration
- American Indian Advisory Council recommendations
- Did we hear you right? Circling back to:
 - Technical Advisory Group
 - Community Exchange Session groups
- Public Comment Draft presentation to CDC, August 5
- Engagement plan for public comment period



Regional Parks and Trails Policy



Stakeholder and Partner Engagement



2024 focus

**Metropolitan Parks
and Open Space
Commission**

Monthly

**Community
Development
Committee**

April, May

**Regional Park
Implementing
Agency Directors**

Monthly

**American Indian
Advisory Council**

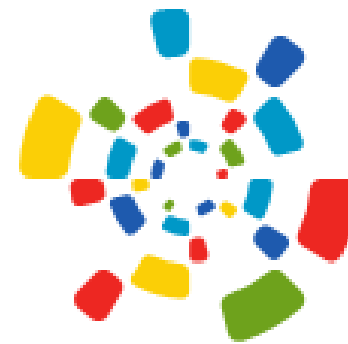
April

**Parks and Trails
Legacy Advisory
Committee**

April

**Implementing
Agency-Council
Workgroups**

Ongoing



Recent Engagements: What are we hearing?



Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

- Overall support for plan development and direction.
- Recommend greater consistency in terminology and demographic references.
- Support for new Cultural Landscapes and Historical Landscapes subclassifications.
- Support for Council-led Climate Resiliency & Natural Systems work.
 - Continue developing meaningful metrics.
 - Make connections to public transportation and other Council systems.

Recent Engagements: What are we hearing?



Implementing Agency Partners

- Provided practical, detailed feedback on both Policy Plan and Planning Handbook, which is informing Public Comment Draft.
- Support for Cultural Landscapes and Historical Landscapes subclassifications.
- Support for “cultural resources inventory” as part of long-range planning requirements, but additional dialogue needed first.
 - Include in workplan

Regional Parks and Trails Policy Changes: What's New?



Significant Changes to Parks and Trails Policy

- Modifies “Special Recreation Feature” classification to “Special Feature” and creates two new sub-classifications: Cultural Landscapes and Historical Landscapes (Workplan Item). Does not require recreation be part of the unit.
- Advances equity by acknowledging our shared history and reinforces its importance in the regional parks and trails system.
- Elevates and strengthens the importance of natural systems and climate resilience work.
- Strengthens the Council’s commitment to regional trail system and Regional Bicycle Transportation Network coordination.

Regional Parks and Trails Policy Changes: What's New?



Significant Changes to Parks and Trails Policy

- Recommends and reinforces Council's commitment to fund and administer the Equity Grant Program for projects explicitly aimed at strengthening equitable use.
- Increases program cap for Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Program to \$2M for Parks and Trails Legacy Fund and \$3M for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Establishes first-ever Parks and Trails Planning Handbook, a complementary, stand-alone document that contains procedural and contextual information such as handbook update procedures, system additions process and criteria, long-range plan requirements, and system protection processes

Next Steps



What's Next

Continued Engagement

- Art + Policy visual artist collaboration
- American Indian Advisory Council recommendations
- Did we hear you right? Circling back to and continuing conversations with:
 - Technical advisory groups
 - Community Exchange Session groups
 - Local governments partners
 - Implementing agency partners

Formal Steps

- August 1: MPOSC Recommend Release of Public Comment Draft
- August 5: CDC Recommend Release of Public Comment Draft
- August 14: Council Action: Release Imagine 2050 for public comment
- August 15: Public comment draft posted
- September 25: Tentative formal public hearing at Council
- October 7: Close of formal public comment period

Thank you

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Find out more at
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