

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: April 1, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of N/A

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**Subject:** Regional Housing Policy Plan Update

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 473.859

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### **Proposed Action**

No Action – Information Item.

### **Background**

*Thrive MSP 2040* is the long-range planning effort for the seven county Twin Cities metropolitan region. This process is an opportunity for the region to come together to create a shared vision. Thrive will guide growth, development, and regional investments for the next 30 years to achieve three interrelated outcomes: prosperity, livability, and sustainability. This effort also sets the policy for the Council's primary system plans – transportation (including aviation), water resources, and parks – as well as the housing policy and water supply plans.

In close coordination with the other system and policy plans, the Housing Policy Plan will provide additional information, policies, and strategies to work toward implementation of the Thrive goals.

The Housing Policy Plan will begin this spring with work continuing through the first half of 2014. The process will include significant public engagement, forming a Housing Policy Advisory Committee, and working closely with communities and stakeholders.

### **Rationale**

This informational update will provide an overview of the Housing Policy Plan scope of work and project timeline.

### **Funding**

N/A

### **Known Support / Opposition**

None

**Thrive MSP 2040 Housing Policy Plan**  
**DRAFT Project Scope of Work**

*The following scope of work and timeline is expected to evolve with continuing discussions, ongoing engagement, and as needs are identified.*

**1. Introduction and Purpose**

- The Regional Housing Vision
- Purpose/Overview of Housing Policy Plan
- Connection to Thrive MSP 2040 and System Plan Integration
- History of Regional Housing Planning in the Twin Cities/Foundation for Housing Policy

**2. Regional Housing Goals and Issues**

- Regional Housing Goals (to be identified)
- Issue Identification, Quantifying the Situation, and Housing Priorities
- Stakeholder Overview and Roles

**3. Housing Overview & Needs Assessment**

- Overview of Market Rate and Affordable Housing
- Analysis of Existing Housing Stock (market, non-subsidized affordable, affordable)
- Analysis of Regional Housing Needs and Trends
- FHEA Results & Considerations
- Analysis of Existing Efforts, Resources, Policies, and Challenges
- Costs of Inaction

**4. Housing Policy Plan & Allocation**

- Identify Regional Housing Policies and Strategies
- Policy Integration with System and Policy Plans
- Affordable Housing Allocation Process
- Housing Performance Score Process

**5. Implementation – The Action Plan**

- Resources/Tools (existing and needed)
- Capacity and Resource Building/Coordination
- Ongoing Role of the Metropolitan Council and Housing Partners

**6. Measuring Success**

- Identify Indicators and Purpose of Indicators
- Identify Process and Timeline for Measuring

## 7. Appendices

- Definitions and Acronyms
- Overview of Engagement Process and Participants
- Housing Partners and Resources
- FHEA Document (or executive summary)
- Housing Allocation Methodology Detail
- Housing Performance Score Methodology Detail



**Thrive MSP 2040 Housing Policy Plan**  
**Tentative Timeline & Activities**

- **Spring 2013: Phase I – Background Research and Preparation**
  - Review and Summarize Past Regional Plans and Existing Plans in the Region
  - Summarize Existing Housing Data and Market
  - Review Policies, Strategies, and Tools
  - Reach Out to Other Housing Agencies
  - Review Regional Capacity for Housing Development and Preservation
  - Identify Stakeholders and Initiate Discussions
  - Form Housing Policy Plan Advisory Committee (HPPAC)
  
- **Summer 2013: Phase II – Kickoff and Information Sharing**
  - Housing Policy Plan Advisory Committee
    - Review *Thrive MSP 2040* and timeline
    - Discuss role of the Housing Policy Plan
    - Frame the discussion (needs, data, existing resources, existing plans)
    - Review Housing Policy Plan scope of work and timeline
    - Review regional housing information and status
    - Identify and discuss open questions
  - Ongoing Outreach with Stakeholders and Council Committees
  - Council Update
  
- **Fall 2013: Phase III – Review and Discuss**
  - Housing Policy Plan Advisory Committee
    - Identify issues and questions
    - Review existing resources and gaps
    - Initiate housing allocation discussion
    - Initiate housing performance score
    - Review housing forecasts
    - Narrow the issues and initiate policy discussions
  - Ongoing Outreach with Stakeholders and Council Committees
  - Council Update
  
- **Winter 2014: Phase IV – Process, Discuss, Evaluate, and Write**
  - Housing Policy Plan Advisory Committee
    - Discuss policy considerations and priorities
    - Recommend housing allocation methodology
    - Recommend housing performance score methodology
  - Ongoing Outreach with Stakeholders and Council Committees
  - Council Update



- **Spring 2014: Phase V – Drafting and Delivery**
  - Housing Policy Plan Advisory Committee
    - Review draft policies
    - Review plan text and provide feedback
    - Issue draft Policy Plan for public comment and discussion
    - Recommend final draft for Council approval
  - Ongoing Outreach with Stakeholders and Council Committees
  - Council Update
  
- **June 2014: Metropolitan Council Adopts Housing Policy Plan**

The HPPAC meeting schedule will be determined once the committee is formed. Additional subcommittee meetings to discuss certain topics will be convened as necessary.

### **Ongoing Outreach**

The ongoing outreach includes such activities as:

- Meeting with additional stakeholders not on the Committee, including cities, counties, townships, and advocacy groups
- Meeting with area residents and businesses
- Continuing outreach via the Thrive MSP 2040 website
- Attending other Council committee meetings for updates and policy integration