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TO: Land Use Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Local Planning Handbook Update

Our goal is to provide regular updates of the project status to the Committee and solicit feedback from Committee members on the project progress. On July 16th, an update on the testing program for the Local Planning Handbook will be presented to the Committee.

The testing program is a five-month period where the new Handbook website, and new tools and resources in the Handbook are being shared with an external focus group of 42 local planners and planning consultants. The goal of the testing program is to receive constructive feedback on the tools and resources provided to local planners for their use during the 2040 comprehensive plan update process prior to its public rollout in September. We hope that by a comprehensive review of the site and its contents by the end user, that the result will be a better, more useful, and clear guide for planners during the next planning cycle.

As always, the Local Planning Handbook is available for Committee review at <http://test.metrocouncil.org/Local-Planning-Handbook.aspx>