

DATE: March 9, 2016
TO: Land Use Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: PlanIt: A Comprehensive Plan Training Program

Our goal for the March 17th LUAC meeting is to introduce the PlanIt project to the Committee. We will ask for feedback from Committee members as the project progresses. We will provide regular updates of the project status to the Committee.

The PlanIt project is a comprehensive plan educational program for local planners and planning consultants throughout the region. The intent is to provide guidance on planning requirements, value-added planning, and topics encouraged by Council policy as local planners are working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates. The project will provide a complete portfolio of educational events for planners. The events will include:

- Webinars
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Online Tutorials
- Online Instructional Videos
- Expert Articles

The intent is to provide various formats and accommodate both in-person and self-guided learning styles. The work program is being developed in coordination with a Steering Committee of about 25 local planners and planning consultants. We will also be partnering with other state agencies, planning organizations, and partners throughout delivery of the program events.

Staff will describe the events, different formats, and tentative schedule for Committee members as an introduction to the project. Staff will request feedback and suggestions on how to improve the plan as the project progresses.