

DATE: November 7, 2016
TO: Land Use Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: **Draft 2017 Work Plan for Discussion**

This memo was prepared at the direction of the Chair of the Metropolitan Council's Land Use Advisory Committee, Council Member Jon Commers. It is intended to support discussion of the 2017 work plan for the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC).

During 2017, LUAC members will contribute to efforts that focus on a new phase of implementation and planning. Local governments will be updating or preparing to update their local comprehensive plans due by the end of 2018. After the Council adopted Thrive MSP 2040, the Council is supporting the implementation of policies and strategies. Work is under way on updating the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP), due every four years to meet federal requirements.

Review of main accomplishments in 2016

- PlanIt – Comprehensive Plan Training Program
 - Gave input as staff developed the PlanIt program
 - Added on-demand program for communities to request informational workshops
 - Opened up marketing efforts so local officials attended or registered for events
- TOD Guide
 - Gave feedback on approaches and features used to update the online TOD Guide
 - Provided input used to improve case study summaries
- Housing and affordable housing
 - Focused on the implementation of affordable housing
 - Suggested ways to effectively communicate
- Planning Assistance Fund
 - Served as primary committee for advice and input to develop program options
 - Recommended a preferred option to the Community Development Committee
- System Statements and potential system statement hearings
 - Prepared for statutory role in potential statement hearings
 - Helped staff make the hearing process clearer and more understandable to local officials and other staff

Meeting dates in 2017

January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21 and November 16

Goals for 2017 work plan

- Assist the Metropolitan Council with land use planning and other responsibilities. Give advice and assistance on metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning and matters of metropolitan significance as requested by the Council
- Respond to interests of Committee members and draw on their expertise and experience
- Periodically invite guest speakers to compliment staff presentations
- Link Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) activities to outcomes

Main topics proposed for draft 2017 work plan

- Resiliency strategies for local comprehensive plans / Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)
 - CVA – infrastructure impacts and social impacts
 - Solar element in comprehensive plans and solar initiatives
- PlanIt - Comprehensive Plan Training Program for local planners and consultants to help communities update their local comprehensive plans
 - Resources
 - Communication and community engagement
 - Significant long-term changes affecting land use
- Trends and issues affecting land use and regional planning (also see PlanIt)
 - Generalized land use – 2016 data
 - Redevelopment monitoring
 - Agricultural preserves
 - Integration of land use and regional parks and trails
- Water supply and water reuse
- Comprehensive plan themes
 - Trends and issues from the process of updating comprehensive plans
 - Trends and issues from reviewing amendments and updates

Other topics for 2017 work plan

- Review of LUAC Bylaws last updated in 2004
- Economic Competitiveness and resources for Local Planning Handbook
 - Industrial land supply analysis
- Affordable housing and local comprehensive plans – check back on examples and best practices
- Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
- TOD Guide - update
- Planning Assistance Fund - update
- Parks, open space, and trails – information before discussion on integration of land use and regional parks and trails
 - Outdoor recreation system
 - Parks and trails funding and funding sources, including grants
- Work of other Council advisory committees that affects land use planning

General time frame for agenda topics

The timing of proposed topics may shift before the LUAC Chair approves agendas for specific meetings.

First half of 2017

Appointment of Vice Chair

Revised 2017 work plan and proposed agendas for 2017

Review of LUAC Bylaws

PlanIt – Comprehensive Plan Training Program

Resiliency strategies for local comprehensive plans / Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)

- Solar element in comprehensive plans and solar initiatives

TOD Guide – update

Planning Assistance Fund - update

Water supply and reuse

Trends and issues affecting land use and regional planning

Last half of 2017

PlanIt – Comprehensive Plan Training Program

Affordable housing and local comprehensive plans

Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)

Trends and issues affecting land use and regional planning

- For example, integration of land use and regional parks and trails

Water supply and reuse

Parks, open space, and trails – information before discuss integration of land use and regional parks and trails

- Outdoor recreation system
- Parks and trails funding and funding sources, including grants

Resiliency strategies for local comprehensive plans / Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)

Economic Competitiveness

- Industrial land supply

Comprehensive plan themes

2018 work plan discussion