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TO: Land Use Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: PlanIt: Update on Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) and Community Engagement Training

At the July 20, 2017, LUAC meeting, staff will provide an update on the PlanIt project to the Committee, specifically regarding the parts of the program related to equity initiatives.

PlanIt is a comprehensive plan educational program for local planners and planning consultants throughout the region. The intent is to provide learning opportunities to local planners working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates. The events and resources developed throughout the PlanIt program provides guidance on planning requirements, value-added planning, and topics encouraged by Council policy to be included in plan updates.

At the February 2017 LUAC meeting, Staff gave an update on the program. The Committee expressed interest in hearing more about how the program is providing opportunities around equity in support of Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes. Staff will present information on the partnership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), the Quarterly Community Engagement workshops, and other program resources that have an equity focus.

Please review the PlanIt page to see completed resources to date and the schedules for publication prior to the meeting, by visiting the [PlanIt](#) page of the [Local Planning Handbook](#). We began implementation in May 2016 of the project events for [webinars](#), [workshops](#), [expert articles](#), and [online tutorials](#). We added [podcasts](#) as a new resource format in 2017.

We also recently updated the [PlanIt 2017 Events Schedule](#) with dates for the remainder of 2017.