

DATE: March 2, 2017
TO: Land Use Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Revised 2017 Work Plan for Land Use Advisory Committee

This memo was prepared at the direction of the Chair of the Metropolitan Council's Land Use Advisory Committee, Council Member Jon Commers. It reflects revisions to the work plan discussed by the Committee on November 17, 2016, and February 16, 2017.

In 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 complement staff presentations
- Weave equity into main topics and consider its application
- 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, including resources on communication and community engagement
 - Significant long-term changes affecting land use
- Comprehensive plan themes
 - Timeline for comprehensive plans
 - Trends and issues from the process of updating comprehensive plans
 - Trends and issues from reviewing amendments and updates
- Trends and issues affecting land use and regional planning
 - Generalized land use – 2016 data
 - Redevelopment monitoring
 - Agricultural preserves
 - Housing
 - Economic competitiveness
- Water supply and water reuse
 - Regional vision for water and one water presentation
 - Work in progress - policy plans, Local Planning Handbook and guidance for watersheds
 - Water integrated with land use (water recharge, impact on land use outside of metro area, and non-point sources)
 - Work of local groups, such as Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and subregional groups
 - Insights from LUAC members on local groups and local examples
 - Initial feedback on challenges and potential impacts
 - Water efficiency grant program to reduce water use and stormwater grant program
 - Update on state agency water reuse team
 - Update on wastewater reuse possibilities, obstacles, and potential project
 - Stormwater flood management and mitigation; Atlas 14 precipitation data
 - Local water plan requirements for stormwater as part of the comprehensive plan updates
- Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
 - TPP overview and expectations for TPP update
 - Exploring long-term changes affecting transportation and land use
 - Regional Bicycle Barriers Study and walkability

Other topics for 2017 work plan

- LUAC bylaws last amended in 2004
- Appointment of Vice Chair
- Economic Competitiveness and resources for Local Planning Handbook
 - Industrial land supply analysis (also relevant to Transportation Policy Plan)
 - Broadband and fiber availability
- Range of housing (affordable and unsubsidized affordable markets) and local comprehensive plans – examples and best practices

- Homelessness
- TOD Guide – update
- Equity initiatives
- Planning Assistance Fund - update
- Parks, open space, and trails
 - Outdoor recreation system
 - Parks and trails funding and funding sources, including grants
 - Integration of land use and regional parks and trails
- Work of other Council advisory committees that affects land use planning
- 2018 work plan discussion

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

LUAC bylaws

PlanIt – Comprehensive Plan Training Program

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

Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)

Comprehensive plan themes - timeline for comprehensive plans

Water supply and water reuse

Trends and issues affecting land use and regional planning

Planning Assistance Fund – update

Equity initiatives

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide - update

Last half of 2017

PlanIt – Comprehensive Plan Training Program, continued

Trends and issues affecting land use and regional planning

Comprehensive plan themes

Range of affordable housing and homelessness

Transportation Policy Plan (TPP), continued

Water supply and water reuse, continued

Parks, open space, and trails

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

Economic Competitiveness, including analysis of industrial land supply

Work of other Council advisory committees that affects land use planning
2018 work plan discussion