

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: March 21, 2019

Subject: Emerging Themes from 2040 Comprehensive Plans

District(s), Member(s): ALL

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes, sections 473.864, subd. 2 and 473.869

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Division/Department: Community Development/Regional Planning

Proposed Action

No action necessary. This is an information item only.

Background

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act (MLPA) requires each local governmental unit to review and, if necessary, amend its entire comprehensive plan at least once every ten years to ensure it conforms to metropolitan system plans. The deadline for local governmental units to complete their “decennial” reviews is December 31, 2018, unless the Council grants an extension to that deadline.

Council staff have been working with the region’s communities to prepare for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan submittals since the Council issued System Statements in September 2015. This includes providing planning resources and process improvements, administering comprehensive planning grant assistance funds, facilitating requests for deadline extensions, providing preliminary review of plans, and receiving plan submittals online.

At the Committee meeting on March 21, 2019, for the Committee’s information, staff will provide a brief update of the status of plan submissions and reviews in process. In addition, staff will discuss emerging themes from initial reviews of official comprehensive plans, specifically as it relates to economic competitiveness and climate resilience.