

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: May 16, 2019

Subject: Overview of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act and Comprehensive Plan Review

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

At the Committee meeting on May 16, 2019, for the Committee's information, staff will provide background on the Metropolitan Land Planning Act (MLPA), the region's comprehensive planning cycle, and will highlight where the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) has participated in that process. The goal is to provide a foundation of the Council's planning process for new Committee members and a refresher for returning Committee members.

Council staff have been working with the region's local governments 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 for review.

The Council's review authority is outlined in the MLPA. The MLPA requires each local government to review and, if necessary, amend its entire comprehensive plan at least once every 10 years to ensure it conforms to metropolitan system plans for transportation, regional parks, and water resources. The Council also reviews for consistency with regional policies on topics like land use, housing, water supply and others. Comprehensive plans must also be compatible with the plans of adjacent and affected jurisdictions. 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 are currently reviewing comprehensive plans and the presentation will include a brief status update to the Committee.