

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: November 21, 2019

Subject: Draft 2020 Land Use Advisory Committee Work Plan

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council Land Use Advisory Committee, art. II.B.1

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Division/Department: Community Development

Proposed Action

None. This information supports the Committee's discussion of its 2020 draft work plan by identifying opportunities to provide substantive input and influence projects and other initiatives.

Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) develops an annual work plan to guide its business and meeting agendas. The LUAC Chair may modify the work plan when approving agendas for meetings.

Review of Main Accomplishments

In recent years, the Committee's work led to these outcomes:

- Ongoing reports to inform and engage the Community Development Committee
- Refinement of [Climate Vulnerability Assessment \(CVA\)](#) tools to help planners integrate resiliency strategies into local comprehensive plans
- [Joint Workshop](#) of the Land Use Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) on November 6, 2017
- Adoption of proposed amendments to LUAC bylaws by the Metropolitan Council in April 2017
- Input to shape [PlanIt](#), the Comprehensive Plan Training Program, that supports planners updating local comprehensive plans
- Development of resources in the [Local Planning Handbook](#) for comprehensive plan updates
- Review of land use policy in the [2040 Transportation Policy Plan \(TPP\)](#) and the [2018 Transportation Policy Plan Update](#)
- Recommendation to the Council that influenced Community Designations in [Thrive MSP 2040](#)

Meeting Dates in 2020

January 16, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19

Goals for 2020 Work Plan

- Advise the Council on land use, comprehensive planning, and other planning

- Influence communication of policies, initiatives, and resources for local governments
- Collaborate on land use and water supply planning
- Prioritize topics with opportunities for substantive input



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2020 Land Use Advisory Committee Work Plan

- Appointment of Vice Chair – January
- Status of comprehensive plans - ongoing
- Big-picture look at comprehensive plan themes, questions and emerging ideas to track effectiveness, influence development of resources, and inform next round of policy plan updates
 - Discuss trends, themes, new ideas, and issues from comprehensive plans, for example: Demographic changes; resiliency and adaption to climate change; density ranges and increases in density; development trends by Community Designations; equity; economic development and redevelopment; Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and walkability; transportation and transit; mixed uses; and affordable housing
- Local comprehensive plan process
 - Evaluate process
 - Discuss challenges and opportunities for improvements and engagement with local governments
- PlanIt implementation 2.0
 - Act as focus group for implementation of resources and tools for local governments following the Council's authorization of comprehensive plan updates
 - Help scope out approaches and give feedback and direction
- System Statements issued to local governments following adoption of updated Transportation Policy Plan and Regional Parks Policy Plan
 - Learn about process, content of System Statements, and issues raised by local governments
 - Discuss Committee's role in potential requests for System Statement hearings, as provided in LUAC Bylaws
- Integration of land use and water supply planning with Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) - ongoing
 - Discuss results from Joint Workshop on December 5, 2019
 - Influence projects and next steps
 - Act on next steps with input of Committee members
- Resiliency strategies for local comprehensive plans / Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)
 - Give direction on next steps, such as updating and/or expanding resources and tools for local governments?
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide
 - Inform about TOD Guide, Local Planning Handbook resources, and technical assistance
 - Discuss members' preferred role in project scope
 - Review draft case studies under development
- Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs and grants
 - Learn about LCA programs and outreach for context
 - Participate in engagement event? – December 2019

- Serve as focus group on affordable and life-cycle housing goals for communities to participate in LCA programs - January
 - Give input on process for re-enrolling communities in the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) program and input on how negotiate housing goals
 - Discuss development of goals, current methodology, and ideas for improvement
 - Advise on engaging with communities on adopted goals
- Give input on other fund distribution criteria and discuss equity considerations for 2021 grants
- Economic competitiveness
 - Give feedback on demonstration of Economic Indicator Dashboard in the *Local Planning Handbook*
 - Discuss trends and themes from comprehensive plans and provide input on resources and tools for local governments
- Research tools for forecasting, planning and analysis
 - Give feedback to increase usefulness of tools under development
 - Metro Climate Stats land use and transportation scenario planning tool – parts on land use and greenhouse gas emissions
 - List of land use strategies for land use model
 - Economic value atlas
 - Other tools include Community Profiles update and public parcel app to support affordable housing development
- Systems additions to regional parks system in Regional Parks Policy Plan
 - Provide advice on regional balance and gaps to follow up on May 2018 discussion
- Transportation and transit
 - Learn about Transit Service Allocation Study, service areas, and transit basics in preparation for workshops (members will be invited to workshops separate from Committee meetings)
 - Participate at two workshops on Transit Service Allocation Study addressing relationship between land use and transit
 - Discuss trends and themes from comprehensive plans and provide input on resources and tools for local governments
 - Give input on metropolitan pedestrian safety analysis for MnDOT (Minnesota Department of Transportation) study
- Equity initiatives
 - Continue discussing effectiveness of strategies to advance equity
 - Learn about Equity Advisory Committee and internal initiatives
 - Discuss trends and themes from comprehensive plans and provide input on resources and tools for local governments
 - Discuss Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACP) and usefulness of designation
- LUAC work plan
 - Approve 2020 work plan
 - Draft 2021 work plan