

## Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: January 16, 2020

**Subject:** Revised 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

That the Land Use Advisory Committee approve the Land Use Advisory Committee's 2020 work plan.

### Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) develops an annual work plan to guide its business and meeting agendas. The Committee discussed a draft 2020 work plan on November 21, 2019, and members requested a survey for ranking topics. A survey was completed on January 6, 2020. The revised work plan reflects responses to the survey and prioritizes time-sensitive projects and topics of greatest interest. Some topics are included because of statutory requirements, the LUAC Bylaws, and input needed for key projects. The LUAC Chair may modify the work plan when approving agendas for meetings.

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, and [Joint Workshop](#) of LUAC and MAWSAC/Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on December 5, 2019
- 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 are scheduled on:

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

Goals for the work plan include:

- Advise the Council on land use, comprehensive planning, and other planning
- Influence communication of policies, initiatives, and resources for local governments

- Prioritize opportunities for substantive input and topics of greatest interest to Committee members

Agendas will prioritize the following topics in 2020 because the Committee's input or action is time sensitive:

- Appointment of Vice Chair (January)
- Affordable and life-cycle housing goals determined every 10 years for communities to participate in Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs (January)
  - Gain background information on goals, current methodology, and ideas for improvement
  - Give input on process for re-enrolling communities in the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) program and how negotiate housing goals
  - Advise on engaging with communities on adopted goals
- Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs and grants – fund distribution criteria (second, third and fourth quarters)
  - Learn about LCA programs and grants
  - Discuss potential changes to fund distribution criteria
- Metro Climate Stats - land use strategies to include in land use and transportation scenario planning tool (second quarter)
- Public parcel app to support affordable housing development (first quarter)
- Regional Park System Additions project - Convene implementing agency partners and conduct an evaluation process for considering proposed system additions (second quarter)
- System Statements issued to local governments after adoption of recently updated policy plans, as required by state statute (timing to be determined)
  - Learn about the content of System Statements
  - Discuss issues raised by local governments, potential requests for System Statement hearings, and the Committee's role in the process
- Suburban Neighborhoods (first quarter)
  - Give feedback on development of interactive tool and technical assistance
- 2020 LUAC work plan (first quarter)
  - Approve work plan
- 2021 LUAC work plan and survey (fourth quarter)
  - Conduct survey
  - Draft work plan for next year
- Workshops on Bus Service Allocation Study (first quarter)

Members identified their top five topics of greatest interest in the survey on the work plan. These topics will be prioritized on agendas because of members' interest:

- Economic competitiveness - Economic Indicators Dashboard, Economic Value Atlas, and comprehensive economic development strategy
- Comprehensive Plan themes, emerging ideas, and issues
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide
  - Gain information on TOD Guide, Local Planning Handbook resources, and technical assistance
  - Discuss members' preferred role in project scope
  - Review draft case studies under development
- Equity – strategies to advance equity

- Land use model - list of land use strategies used in forecasting

Survey results identified topics of interest that had lower overall rankings, and agendas will include these topics as time permits:

- Land use and water supply planning collaboration with Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC/TAC)
  - 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 Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA)
  - Give direction on next steps, such as updating and/or expanding resources and tools for local governments
- Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
- PlanIt: Implementation - technical assistance for communities
  - 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
- Comprehensive Plans – updates on status

In the survey on the work plan, members suggested topics to add. These ideas are most likely to be addressed in related topics in the work plan, if time permits:

- Policy changes to increase access/affordability/production of affordable housing
- Transit
- Working better with communities to shape local policy
- Information on what other communities are doing
- Redevelopment in aging/built-out communities
- Engage new or emerging minority communities in public policy discussions and/or pave paths that make small business ownership more understandable
- Active/closed landfills in communities and the long-term goals of development and/or short-term goals if bonding restrictions prohibit development
- Community and environmental impacts of large-scale public infrastructure projects