

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: January 16, 2020

Subject: Survey Results on 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. Information summarizes results of a survey used to further develop the Land Use Advisory Committee's 2020 work plan.

Background

At the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) meeting on November 21, 2019, members requested a survey to rank topics in a draft 2020 work plan. At the direction of the LUAC Chair, Council Member Wulff, a survey was conducted in Survey Monkey from December 23, 2019, through January 6, 2020. Sixteen of 18 members participated in the survey.

Survey questions asked:

- Do you have sufficient, some, or no background information and knowledge to discuss each of seven time-sensitive topics;
- What other top five topics with flexible timelines are of greatest interest; and
- What other topics would members add to the work plan.

The survey listed seven topics that will be prioritized when planning agendas because the Committee's input or action is time sensitive. Responses for each topic will be used to gauge the amount of information and time needed to support discussion and meaningful input. For the time-sensitive topics:

- Members had the most background information and knowledge of the Suburban Neighborhoods project (31% sufficient; 56% some), affordable and life-cycle housing goals to participate in Livable Communities Act programs (25% sufficient; 63% some), and Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs and grants (19% sufficient; 63% some).
- Responses were mixed for Metro Climate Stats (31% sufficient; 44% some; 25% none) and System Statements (25% sufficient; 38% some; 38% none).
- Members had the least familiarity with the regional park system additions topic (25% some; 50% none) and the public parcel app project (38% some; 56% none).

Other topics have flexible timelines for discussion at LUAC meetings. Responses identifying the top five topics of greatest interest will be used to help prioritize topics when planning agendas. Eight members ranked economic competitiveness as the first or second topic of interest. Six ranked Comprehensive Plans – themes, emerging ideas, and issues as first or second. Five ranked equity as first or second. Topics with the highest overall scores, based on weighted averages, include:

- Economic competitiveness, 14 responses and score of 7.9

- Comprehensive Plans – themes, emerging ideas, and issues, 12 responses and score of 7.3
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide, 15 responses and score of 7.3
- Equity – strategies to advance equity, 13 responses and score of 7.1
- Land use model – list of land use strategies used in forecasting, 12 responses and score of 6.7

The following topics with flexible timelines had lower overall scores in the survey:

- Land use and water supply collaboration with Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC), 12 responses and score of 5.8
- Resiliency strategies for Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA), 13 responses and score of 5.7
- Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, 11 responses and score of 5.6
- PlanIt: Implementation – technical assistance for communities, 9 responses and score of 4.2
- Comprehensive Plans – updates on status, 9 responses and score of 4.2

Seven Committee members suggested topics to add, and some responses included multiple ideas. These ideas are most likely to be addressed in related topics in the work plan, if time permits:

- Identify policy changes to increase access/affordability/production of affordable housing
- Transit - glaringly missing
- Working better with community to shape local policy
- Know what other communities are doing
- Redevelopment in aging/built-out communities, such as related to Comprehensive Plan trends or the TOD Guide
- Getting new/emerging minority communities engaged in public policy discussions and/or paving 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 - renewable energy, public space opportunities
- Community and environmental impacts of large-scale public infrastructure projects
- Lots of material to discuss here, and if all topics get covered it would be great!