

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: July 15, 2021

Subject: 2040 Debrief of Comprehensive Plan Updates (2040 Debrief Project)

District(s) Member(s): ALL

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.864 Subd. 2 and § 473.867 Subd. 1

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Division/Department: Community Development/ Regional Planning

Proposed Action

None. This is presented for information purposes and to solicit constructive feedback and input from LUAC members.

Background

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update process was a multi-year effort that began prior to the issuance of System Statements in 2015 and has continued beyond the December 31, 2018 statutory planning deadline. Local Planning Assistance staff developed tools and resources to assist local units of government, including the Local Planning Handbook and PlanIt Training Program.

Local Planning Assistance staff will conduct a short focus group activity with LUAC members to solicit their feedback and insights into the comprehensive planning process. In particular, Council staff are interested in any experience and insights on the working relationship between communities and the Council, including the effectiveness of the Local Planning Handbook and sector representative program.

The 2040 Debrief Project has included engagement with local governments and other stakeholders to evaluate the review process and tools created to help local communities. The Council has received praise, criticism, and suggestions for improvement.

Project Phases Completed

- Survey of local planners
- Focus Groups of local planners – designed around *Thrive* Community Designations.

Upcoming Project Activities

- *Focus group with LUAC members at the July 15, 2021 LUAC meeting.*
- Internal Council technical reviewer focus groups: August 2021
- Draft of recommendations to Community Development management: fall 2021
- Continued engagement with Metro Cities and other stakeholders in review of the 2040 Plans: fall 2021 - spring 2022