

Metropolitan Council

2040 Debrief – Focus Group

Land Use Advisory Committee

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2040 Debrief Project

An evaluation and engagement project looking at:

- Resources and tools for the 2040 Comp Plans
- Experiences of local community planners in the review process

Evaluation and Engagement: Review of 2040 Plans		Project Management Plan
Project Name:	Evaluation of 2040 Review Process	Date: March 22, 2020
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A. Introduction

The Evaluation project includes two parts: 1) engagement with stakeholders (internal and external) involved in the decennial planning process and 2) evaluation of services, processes, and tools/resources used to create, develop, produce, and analyze the 2040 Comprehensive Plans. The intent of this Project is to analyze the efficacy and relevancy of tools for those who used them to create plans (outside stakeholders) and those who used tools to review and comment on Plans (internal stakeholders). The intent of the project is to identify process improvements, strengthen relationships, and improve technical assistance.

B. Project Management Approach

The Project Manager, Patrick Boylan, has the overall authority and responsibility for managing and executing this project according to this Project Management Plan and related documents. The project team will consist of personnel from Local Planning Assistance, Research, and Communications.

The project approach is intended to be both quantitative and qualitative to provide data and analysis. The Project will include outreach such as surveys, meetings with local planners, consultants, focus groups, and internal analysis of the 2040 Reviews. The project is designed to be both internally reflective and as an outward facing effort to provide the basis for process improvements.

Business Need / Opportunity

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) process was a multi-year effort that began before the 2015 System Statements were issued and have continued beyond the December 31, 2018 planning deadline. To facilitate completion of local comprehensive plans, the Local Planning Assistance staff developed tools and resources to assist local units of government with specific technical areas. This project will initiate a review of those efforts by engaging with local governments and other stakeholders to evaluate the CPU administrative and review process.

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Work completed so far:

- ✓ Survey of local community planners
- ✓ Survey of Council's technical reviewers
- ✓ 1 to 1 conversations with Sector Representatives
- ✓ Four focus groups

13. How helpful were the personal communications with Council planning and review process?

a. Sector Representative/Principal Reviewer

- i. Very useful
- ii. Useful
- iii. Somewhat useful
- iv. Not at all useful
- v. Didn't use

b. Forecast Technical Reviewer

- i. Very useful
- ii. Useful

Community	What worked well during t
ning a South St. Paul	Michael: finished Big Lake!
lannei Rosemount	Interaction with Council St
y Plar Inver Grove Heights	Allan: This last round of co
stant City of Burnsville	Jenni: I feel like we know h
City of Waconia	The information sessions le
ki, Cit' Lauderdale	Everyone has the same sta
lopme City of Prior Lake	- Background: his first com
St. Louis Park	Resources were great. The
lopme City of Carver	- Policy: Liked the structure
Carver County	*Started working at the Co
r Scott County	- Process: Had done the 20



Upcoming Work

- Focus group w/Council's technical reviewers
- summary & recommendations to CD Leadership

Today:

- ✓ **LUAC focus group: policy maker perspectives**

LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) provides advice and assistance to the Council on regional land use and comprehensive planning, and in matters of metropolitan significance as requested by the Council. [See answers to frequently asked questions about LUAC \(PDF\)](#) and [LUAC bylaws \(PDF\)](#).

Committee members

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- District 4 - (Carver County) - Gerald Bruner, Watertown Township
- District 4 - (Scott County) - Kathi Mocol
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Focus Group Questions

What did your community hope to get out of the comprehensive planning process?

Focus Group Questions

If you could change one aspect of the process what would it be?

It could be technical assistance, process, communication, resources, or something else.

How would you change it? And why?

Focus Group Questions

In your opinion, what are the most effective ways in which the Council can support communities during the comprehensive planning process?

Focus Group Questions

What resources/technical assistance can the Council provide to help with those challenges?

Next Steps

- Continued analysis of focus groups
- Summary & recommendations to CD Leadership

Questions

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