

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: July 15, 2021

Subject: PlanIt Implementation Program

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Land Planning Act (§473.851)

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Division/Department: Community Development/ Regional Planning

Proposed Action

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

Background

Staff will introduce the PlanIt Implementation Program to the Committee, requesting suggestions on challenges to comprehensive plan implementation and ideas for supportive resources.

The PlanIt Implementation Program is the continuation of the PlanIt Training Program that launched in 2016. Initially, those resources focused on minimum requirements. In 2017, the PlanIt program pivoted to include more value-added planning resources, going above and beyond the minimum requirements.

As communities are focusing more on implementation, some areas are more challenging for communities than others. Staff will describe the objectives of the project, review feedback received from a survey of local planners, and provide an overview of upcoming events for Committee members. While the PlanIt program has provided some technical resources in the Podcast format related to plan implementation, there has not yet been a comprehensive approach to develop supportive resources.

The PlanIt Implementation Program will include resources that will address all required elements of the comprehensive plans as well as other elements identified in *Thrive MSP 2040* like Resilience and Economic Competitiveness. Other topics that will be included in the program are those of local and regional importance like equity and continuous community engagement. The project will utilize some of the previous formats and efforts that the original PlanIt project encompassed.