### 2040 Comprehensive Plan Debrief

### Evaluation of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Review Process

Land Use Advisory Committee January 20, 2022





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### Project Purpose

- Engage with local government staff and other stakeholders about their experiences

### Project Outcomes

- Rebuild and strengthen local government relationships
- Listen and learn from experiences of local government staff
- Specific recommendations for process improvements

Evaluate resources and review procedures for the 2040 planning process



## Project Components 2020 Planner Survey Sector Rep One-on-Ones External Focus Groups (4) Land Use Advisory Committee (July 15, 2021) Internal Focus Groups (3) Summary and Recommendations







## **Discussion Questions**

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Are there any gaps in what you heard today?

Do you have specific ideas for resources/technical assistance?

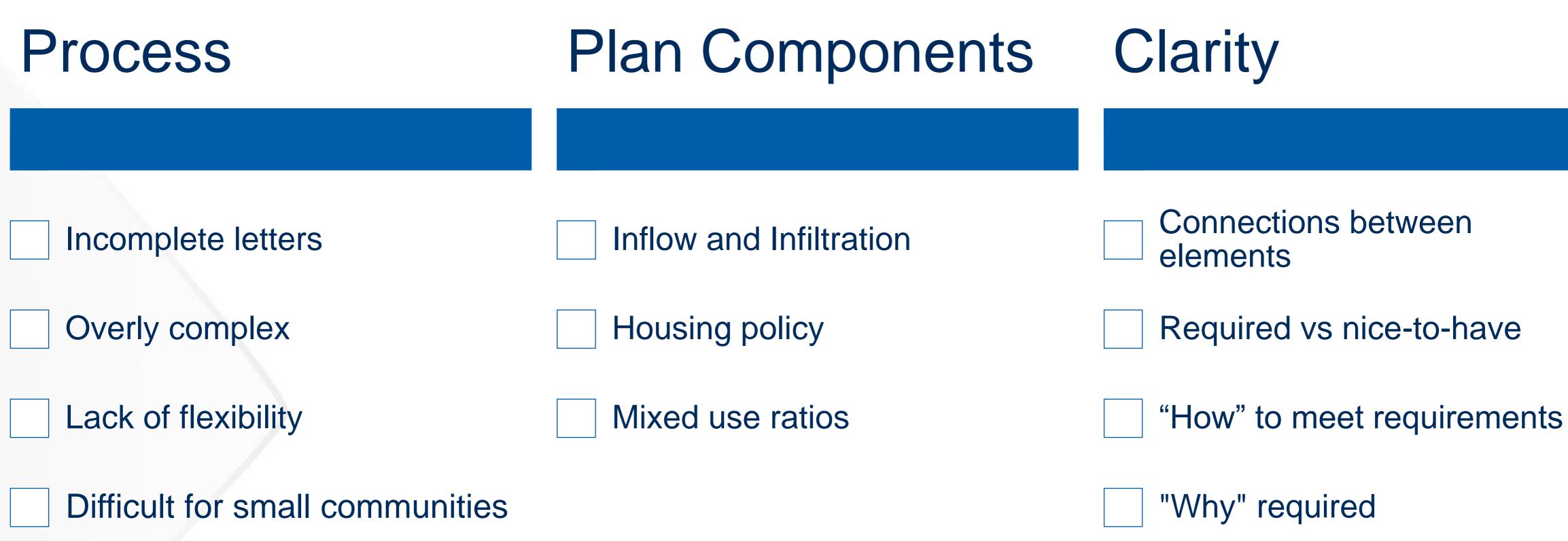


## Feedback: What went well.





## Feedback: What didn't go well...





## **Recommendation Categories**

#### Improve Communication

#### Evaluate Planning Resources

#### **Expand Technical Assistance**

#### Focus on Quality Assurance and Quality Control





## Improve Communication

# More frequent One-on-Ones

#### Improve incomplete letter communications

## Convene an advisory group of local planners for 2050 process



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## **Evaluate Planning Resources**

### Update the Local Planning Handbook

### Clearly outline the review process for all

## Effectively explain completeness, conformance, consistency, and compatibility



## **Expand Technical Assistance**

## Encourage more participation in preliminary reviews

### Engage with local planners early and often

### Provide more templates and examples



## Focus on Quality Assurance and Quality Control

### Explain the "why" behind requirements

### Explore how to simplify checklists

Evaluate staff capacity needs for 2050 reviews



## Next Steps

### Metro Cities partnership

Re-engaging with local partners

Finalize report and recommendations

Prioritize and carry out improvements





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## Questions

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