# Metropolitan Council

# **Information Item**

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: November 17, 2022

# **Topic**

Initial Discussion on the Land Use Advisory Committee's 2023 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

# **Background**

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) develops an annual work plan to guide its business and meeting agendas. The LUAC Bylaws, statutory requirements, and input needed for key projects inform the work plan. The timing of agenda topics may shift, and the LUAC Chair may modify the work plan when approving agendas.

### Meeting dates in 2023

The Committee meets six times each year on the third Thursday of every other month starting in January. Meeting dates in 2023 include January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21, and November 16.

## **Work Plan Goals**

Goals for the work plan include:

- Advise the Council on land use, comprehensive planning, and other planning
- Emphasize changes affecting land use and implications for comprehensive plans
- Support policy development for 2050 Regional Development Guide, system plans, and policy plans
- Prioritize opportunities for substantive input
- Influence communication of policies, initiatives, and resources for local governments
- Center equity in the Committee's work

### **DRAFT Agenda topics for 2023**

The Council's work in 2023 will be heavily focused on the development of the 2050 Regional Development Guide. Council staff have reviewed upcoming project timelines and milestones and expect to engage with the Committee on the following topics:

- 1. Periodic updates on the overall 2050 Regional Development Guide:
  - a. Timeline and milestones
  - b. Engagement

- 2. Scenario planning: Introduction in November 2022 on how the Council will use this planning exercise to inform the vision and transition to forecast allocation and land use policies in 2023
- Land Use Policy development: Throughout the year, LUAC will be asked to work on developing recommendations on policies to guide land use and regional development.
  Topics could include those listed below and some may roll into the following year as policy refinement continues (topics are in no particular order).
  - a. Development policies, overall density policy, and TOD density policy (pairs with forecasted growth)
  - b. Housing affordability and choice
  - c. Transportation choices, access, and mobility
  - d. Water sustainability including water resources, water supply, and public health
  - e. Natural resources protection (using an ecosystem approach)
  - f. Agricultural land preservation policies
  - g. Climate and the built environment
  - h. Market considerations, workforce considerations, and regional competitiveness
  - i. Other factors or special features to consider
- 4. Housing Policy development
  - a. Process to develop Allocations of Affordable Housing Need
  - b. Requirements for guiding land for future housing development
  - c. Discussion and updates on regional housing need data and projects focused on relevant housing topics, such as housing supply trends, manufactured housing preservation, naturally occurring affordable housing preservation, and antidisplacement strategies.
- 5. Potential land use related aspects of the Regional Parks Policy Plan
- 6. Other topics that may arise related to the above resulting from work in transportation, water supply, wastewater, etc.