

Information Item

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: November 21, 2024

Topic

Imagine 2050 Land Use Public Comment Overview

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council Land Use Advisory Committee, Art. I. B.1(a), Minn Stat. 473.145
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Proposed Action

At its meeting on November 21, 2024, the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) will discuss an overview of comments related to the Land Use Policy Chapter as a result of the formal public comment period which closed on October 7, 2024. No action is needed. This is for informational purposes only.

Background

The Metropolitan Council released the 90% draft of Imagine 2050 for public comment on August 15, 2024. The public comment period closed on October 7, 2024. The LUAC has contributed to the development of the regional development through discussion, guidance, and feedback since 2021. This work particularly included in-depth analysis and review of community designations, scenario planning findings, and land use objectives, policies, and actions.

Public Comment Update

The Met Council has conducted a robust and innovative engagement program throughout the development of Imagine 2050. This includes the Young Leaders Collaborative, Community Leaders Cohort, Art + Policy, the American Indian Advisory Council, and so many others. Engagement through traditional means like focus groups, surveys, technical teams, Advisory Committees, Council Working Groups, and others were also a critical part of engagement. The outcome was a collaborative, iterative engagement program that included more residents, amplified the voices of underrepresented and marginalized communities, and elevated new partnerships while continuing meaningful work with traditional stakeholders, organizations, and partners.

The formal public comment period builds on the engagement plan so stakeholders and partners can provide written comments on all areas of Imagine 2050 including the Vision, Values, & Goals; system plans for Transportation, Water, Regional Parks and Trails; and policy plans for Housing and Land Use.

The Met Council received more than 1,200 comments from approximately 500 organizations and individuals. Staff have worked to assess high level themes from residents, local governments, and non-profit and advocacy organizations. At the LUAC meeting on November 21, 2024, members will review public comments specific to land use policy, particularly local government participation and feedback. This analysis includes supportive policy comments as well as areas of concern or disagreement.

Attached to this memo is a report of all comments tagged for responses by the Land Use Policy team

encompassing comments received on climate, natural systems, density requirements, intersections with transportation and housing, and many others. The report from the online engagement platform is included as well as the report identifying all comments received by letter, email, or in-person.

To close, Council staff will share an update on next steps and the calendar of Met Council Committee meetings, as Imagine 2050 moves toward adoption in February 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1: Received public comments related to land use and density

