

Information Item

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

Topic

2025 Land Use Advisory Committee 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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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 2025

The Committee meets six times each year on the third Thursday of every other month starting in January. Meeting dates in 2025 include

January 16, 2025
March 20, 2025
May 15, 2025
July 17, 2025
September 18, 2025
November 20, 2025

Work Plan Goals

Goals for the work plan include:

- Advise the Met Council on land use, comprehensive planning, and other planning efforts.
- Emphasize changes affecting land use and implications for local comprehensive plans.
- Support Imagine 2050 policy implementation including system 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 2025

The Met Council's work in 2025 will shift from contributing to regional policy development towards implementation of Imagine 2050 and the Met Council's efforts to provide technical assistance for local comprehensive planning. Met Council staff have reviewed upcoming project timelines and milestones and expect to engage with the Committee on the following topics:

1. Review and recommendations on development of the new Small Communities Planning Program and criteria for eligibility.
2. Review and recommendations on the Planning Assistance Grant Program criteria for eligibility.
3. Preparation for System Statement Issuance and the Committee's role and responsibilities to support the statutory process.
4. Regional Economic Framework
5. Tools, resources, and other technical assistance product development to assist local governments in the comprehensive planning process, including:
 - a. Local Planning Handbook Update
 - b. Minimum Requirements for comprehensive planning
 - c. Planning tools like the Climate Action Strategy Bank, GHG Strategy Planning tool, and the Natural Systems Planning tool.
6. Imagine 2050 Metrics and Measurements plan to support accountability in implementation of the regional development guide.
7. Administrative Guidelines review and updates to support implementation of Imagine 2050 including Plat Monitoring Program Update.
8. PlanIt training program to provide opportunities for local governments to understand planning requirements and how to get more out of their plans.
9. Housing policy implementation topics could include:
 - a. Land Guidance for Affordable Housing
 - b. Livable Communities Act Program changes
10. Other topics that may arise related to the above resulting from work in housing, transportation, water supply, wastewater, etc.

