

## Management Committee

Meeting date: October 10, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 24, 2018

**Subject:** Adoption of the Thrive Indicators

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** [Thrive MSP 2040](#)

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the 25 indicators as shown in Table 1 as the Thrive Indicators.

### Background

*Thrive MSP 2040*, adopted in May 2014, made a commitment that the Council would develop a set of Indicators to assess regional progress on the outcomes in *Thrive MSP 2040*. *Thrive* further states:

“The Council will use the *Thrive* indicators as a foundation for continuous improvement and public accountability—what do the indicators tell us about the state of the region and the Council’s policies? Which policies are working well? How might we revise our policies where performance is less than our expectations? The Council will use the insights that emerge from analyzing the *Thrive* indicators to guide the Council’s future decisions, including adjusting policies and priorities as needed to more effectively advance the outcomes.” (*Thrive MSP 2040*, p. 77)

The purposes of the Thrive Indicators are assessing progress toward the Thrive vision and serving as a touchstone for public accountability.

### Rationale

Since the adoption of Thrive, Council staff have presented proposed indicators to the Council several times, most recently at the April 12, 2017 Management Committee meeting. Over the summer of 2018, Council staff worked with Council Members serving on the Regional Growth Strategy Work Group to develop this final proposal for adoption.

Adopting the Thrive Indicators will formalize the Council’s commitment to tracking these 25 indicators. In an annual process, Council staff will update the indicators and recommend any revisions to these indicators.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

By formalizing the Council’s commitment to tracking progress toward the five Thrive outcomes, adopting the Thrive Indicators will improve the Council’s ability to make progress toward the Thrive vision.

### Funding

Developing, maintaining, and disseminating the Thrive Indicators is a regular part of the Community Development Division budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known support or opposition to this proposal.

*Table 1: Proposed Thrive Indicators*

| Outcome(s)                | Indicator                                                                                                                                        | Thrive strategies                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stewardship               | 1. Acreage lost to development located in significant ecological and wetland areas                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsibly managing natural resources</li> <li>Protecting natural resources</li> </ul>                                  |
| Stewardship               | 2. Number of lakes and streams in the metro area listed as impaired                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsibly managing natural resources</li> <li>Protecting natural resources</li> </ul>                                  |
| Stewardship               | 3a. Share of MCES budget spent on preservation and rehab.<br>3b. Share of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) spent on preservation.        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pivoting from expanding to maintaining infrastructure</li> </ul>                                                         |
| Stewardship               | 4. Highways in poor or very poor condition                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pivoting from expanding to maintaining infrastructure</li> </ul>                                                         |
| Prosperity                | 5. Talent attraction & retention: Net gain in 25-34 year-olds                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for infrastructure, amenities, quality of life</li> </ul>                                                       |
| Prosperity                | 6. Redevelopment: Share of new housing and share of nonresidential construction on previously developed parcels                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging redevelopment and infill</li> </ul>                                                                          |
| Prosperity and Livability | 7. Short commutes: Share of commuters who travel less than 20 minutes to work                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for infrastructure, amenities, quality of life</li> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> </ul> |
| Equity                    | 8. Share of population in poverty living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using our influence to build a more equitable region</li> </ul>                                                          |
| Equity                    | 9. Share of new housing and share of nonresidential construction in Areas of Concentrated Poverty                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using our influence to build a more equitable region</li> </ul>                                                          |
| Equity                    | 10. Share of Met Council hires and promotions that are filled by people of color                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using our influence to build a more equitable region</li> </ul>                                                          |
| Equity                    | 11. Small business as a share of Council direct spend                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using our influence to build a more equitable region</li> </ul>                                                          |
| Equity and Livability     | 12. Share of region's households experiencing housing cost burden<br>12a. Share of region's households experiencing housing cost-burden, by race | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding choices</li> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> </ul>                                       |

| Outcome(s)                 | Indicator                                                                                                                                                     | Thrive strategies                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Equity and Livability      | 13. Share of communities with housing options for low income households<br>13a. Share of transit station areas with housing options for low income households | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding choices</li> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> </ul>                                           |
| Equity and Livability      | 14. Average commuting time by race and ethnicity                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding choices</li> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> </ul>                                           |
| Equity and Livability      | 15. Affordable housing as share of all residential construction                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding choices</li> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> </ul>                                           |
| Livability                 | 16. Visits to regional parks and trails per capita                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing access to regional parks and trails</li> <li>Healthy lifestyles</li> </ul>                                        |
| Livability                 | 17. Share of workers commuting via walking, biking, transit, or rideshare                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> <li>Aligning resources for transit-oriented and walkable places</li> </ul> |
| Livability                 | 18. Bike network miles and regional trails miles open for use                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting bicycle and pedestrian facilities</li> <li>Healthy lifestyles</li> </ul>                                          |
| Livability and Stewardship | 19. Vehicle Miles Traveled per capita per day                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> <li>Leveraging transit with higher expectations of land</li> </ul>         |
| Livability and Stewardship | 20. Average number of jobs reachable by 30-minutes transit/pedestrian trip                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing housing and transportation choices</li> <li>Leveraging transit with higher expectations of land</li> </ul>         |
| Sustainability             | 21. Per capita water usage served from surface water sources and from groundwater                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting wise use of water</li> </ul>                                                                                       |
| Sustainability             | 22. Greenhouse gases emissions per capita                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing leadership on climate change and resilience</li> </ul>                                                             |
| Sustainability             | 23. Small particulate matter in the air: PM2.5 per cubic meter                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing leadership on climate change and resilience</li> <li>Healthy lifestyles</li> </ul>                                 |
| Sustainability             | 24. Met Council's own energy use (MBTUs) in ES and Transit operations                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operating wastewater treatment sustainably</li> <li>Operating transit sustainably</li> </ul>                                 |

| Outcome(s)     | Indicator                                                       | Thrive strategies                                                                                                         |
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| Sustainability | 25. Number of water quality and air emission permit exceedances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="927 275 1458 348">• Operating wastewater treatment sustainably</li></ul> |