

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

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**Subject:** Acceptance of the preliminary draft of *Thrive MSP 2040* as the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. 473.145; Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council accept the preliminary draft of *Thrive MSP 2040*, also known as "ProtoThrive", as the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development and submit the document to the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board for their acceptance on December 18, 2013 and its subsequent submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a deliverable for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

### Background

The Council has been working on *Thrive MSP 2040* since summer 2011 pursuant to the Council's statutory responsibility to develop a Metropolitan Development Guide.

The \$5 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant that has funded part of the work of the Corridors of Opportunity also included a deliverable for an update to the region's Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

### Rationale

Rather than have multiple regional plans, the Council, the Corridors of Opportunity and HUD have agreed that *Thrive MSP 2040* will serve as the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. HUD is aware that the Council will continue work on the plan and that they are receiving a preliminary draft of *Thrive MSP 2040*, informally known as "ProtoThrive" to distinguish it from the full *Thrive MSP 2040* that the Council will finalize and adopt in spring 2014. To meet the grant terms, HUD expects the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development to be submitted by December 31, 2013 and to be accepted by the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board.

### Funding

The Council has supported the development of *Thrive MSP 2040* through its regular sources. Resources received from HUD through the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant have supported projects under the Corridors of Opportunity.

### Known Support / Opposition

The Council has been testing the policy direction in *Thrive MSP 2040* through its Outreach and Engagement efforts and has heard positive reactions to date. Additional comments received will influence the final revisions of *Thrive MSP 2040* in early 2014.