

## Metropolitan Council

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 28, 2014

**Subject:** Adoption and implementation of *Thrive MSP 2040*

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. 473.145

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Policy and Research

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Accept the public comment report on *Thrive MSP 2040*
- Adopt *Thrive MSP 2040* as the first chapter of the comprehensive development guide of the metropolitan area authorized under Minn. Stat. 473.145, replacing the *2030 Regional Development Framework* adopted in 2004 (as amended)
- Use *Thrive MSP 2040* as the basis for (1) making investment decisions, expanding the Council's technical assistance and informational resources, and providing advisory comments to local governments; and 2) developing the Council's metropolitan system and policy plan updates (i.e., the Housing Policy Plan, the Regional Parks Policy Plan, the Transportation Policy Plan, and the Water Resources Policy Plan)
- Adopt *Thrive* local forecasts for 2040
- Direct staff to present future Council business items addressing:
  - A proposed process for implementing *Thrive MSP 2040* relative to local comprehensive plan amendments submitted prior to the 2015 release of System Statements
  - Local forecasts for 2020 and 2030 aligned with the *Thrive* forecasts for 2040
  - Indicators to measure the region's progress on the *Thrive* outcomes and strategies

### Background

The Metropolitan Council has been working on *Thrive MSP 2040*, formerly known as the update to the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, since late 2011. Since that time, the Council has engaged partners, stakeholders and the public in policy discussions to inform the plan. Through much of 2013, the Council delved deeply into policy issues to develop the language that is now in *Thrive MSP 2040*. From February to April 2014, the Council received over 100 comments on the draft for public comment. Since the conclusion of the public comment period on April 28, staff have revised the document to respond to the concerns and questions identified.

### Rationale

Minnesota Statutes sections 473.145 and 473.856 anticipate that the Council will periodically revise and update its comprehensive development guide. The final bullet of the action item acknowledges that metropolitan-area communities have developed local comprehensive plans that align with the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and its associated metropolitan system and policy plans. Staff will develop a detailed

implementation strategy for this transitional period for consideration at a future Council meeting.

### **Funding**

The development of *Thrive MSP 2040* is a regular part of the Metropolitan Council workplan.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

While the public comments do ask questions about *Thrive MSP 2040*, there is large support for the Council's efforts on *Thrive MSP 2040*.