

## Metropolitan Council

Meeting date: March 9, 2016

**Subject:** Comprehensive Plan Update review by affected school districts

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2040 Housing Policy Plan, Minn. Stat. 473.858, subd. 2

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

### Proposed Action

Information item only.

### Background

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires that local governments share draft Comprehensive Plan Updates with affected jurisdictions, including adjacent cities, associated counties and school districts in order to align planning prior to adopting plans. The *2040 Housing Policy Plan* noted that the intended alignment may not be occurring in a meaningful way with affected school districts.

To further investigate and potentially mitigate barriers to this intended alignment, Council staff has met with various school district officials and other stakeholders. These conversations have supported the need to improve school district understanding of the content of Comprehensive Plan Updates and thereby encourage more meaningful feedback.

At the Metropolitan Council meeting, staff will share key findings and propose next steps to continue this work.