

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 26, 2017

**Subject:** Creation and appointment of the Regional Growth Strategy Work Group

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 473.145

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Libby Starling, Deputy Director of the Community Development Division and Director of Regional Planning

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Duininck's recommendation to create a Regional Growth Strategy Work Group and appoint the following Council members to serve on the Work Group: Jon Commers, Chair; Deb Barber; Steve Elkins; Cara Letofsky; Katie Rodriguez; and Sandy Rummel.

### Background

The Regional Growth Strategy Work Group is intended to create an ongoing forum for Council Members to consider the impact of long term trends, opportunities and challenges on regional systems and monitor the ongoing implementation of *Thrive MSP 2040* from an intentionally cross-divisional perspective. As appropriate, the Work Group will bring its discussions to either Committee of the Whole meetings or one of the standing committees.

### Rationale

The Regional Growth Strategy Work Group will create a venue for the discussion of cross-divisional strategic issues that the full agendas of standing committees do not currently allow. This will build on previous Council committee structures that have included standing committees for Regional Growth Strategy and Metropolitan Systems Committee. Instead of a standing committee, the Regional Growth Strategy Work Group will test whether the structure adds value to the Council governance process. The Regional Growth Strategy Work Group will make a recommendation about its ongoing value in fall 2018.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The Regional Growth Strategy Work Group will take an intentionally integrative perspective in addressing the impact of unfolding regional trends on the ongoing implementation of *Thrive MSP 2040*, thereby living the Thrive integration principle and improving the ability of the Council to advance the Thrive outcomes.

### Funding

The Community Development Division will provide primary support of this Work Group as part of its regular work.

### Known Support / Opposition

N/A