

Information Item

Metropolitan Council



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Topic

2040 Indicator Projects – Updates and Next Steps

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Background

At the Metropolitan Council meeting on January 10, 2024, Council staff will provide an overview of policy indicators projects initiated with the adoption of Thrive MSP 2040 (2014) and share key learning themes about outcomes measurement in regional policy. The presentation will also bring forward examples from regional peer agencies and local jurisdictions, and invites discussion for improving outcomes measurement in the next regional development guide, Imagine 2050.

This information item also serves as an update: Thrive MSP 2040 and 2040 Housing Policy Plan indicator dashboards have been updated and will be published on January 10th, 2024. They can be accessed at:

- Thrive MSP 2040: <https://metro council.org/thriveindicators>
- 2040 Housing Policy Plan: <https://metro council.org/housingdashboard>

Please contact the community development research department at research@metc.state.mn.us with dashboard-related questions.

Overview of learning themes

The implementation of 2040 indicators projects over the past decade coupled with a thorough review of national and local indicators projects has generated three learning themes:

1. This work is about dialogues, not (just) data.
2. Frameworks are crucial.
3. Set targets.

2040 indicators: Summary Tables

Several 2040 Housing Policy Plan indicators (adopted in 2015) and Thrive MSP 2040 indicators (adopted in 2019) have changed over time; the following tables summarize these changes, which reflect data availability, changes in methodologies, and developments in how subject matter experts understand topics in their field.

1. Thrive MSP 2040 Indicator Summary Table

Outcome(s)	Adopted Indicator (2018)	Updated Indicator (2023)	Thrive strategies
Stewardship	1. Acreage lost to development located in significant ecological and wetland areas	1. Acreage lost to development located in significant ecological areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibly managing natural resources • Protecting natural resources
Stewardship	2. Number of lakes and streams in the metro area listed as impaired	2. No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibly managing natural resources • Protecting natural resources
Stewardship	3a. Share of MCES budget spent on preservation and rehab 3b. Share of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) spent on preservation	3. Share of MCES budget spent on preservation and rehab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pivoting from expanding to maintaining infrastructure
Stewardship	4. Highways in poor or very poor condition	4. No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pivoting from expanding to maintaining infrastructure
Prosperity	5. Talent attraction and retention: Net gain in 25-34 year-olds	5. No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for infrastructure, amenities, quality of life
Prosperity	6. Redevelopment: Share of new housing and share of nonresidential construction on previously developed parcels	6. Redevelopment: Share of new housing construction on previously developed parcels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging redevelopment and infill
Prosperity and Livability	7. Short commutes: Share of commuters who travel less than 20 minutes to work	7. Short commutes: Share of commuters who travel less than 20 minutes to work by race and ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for infrastructure, amenities, quality of life





				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing housing and transportation choices
Equity	8.	Share of the population with incomes below 185% of poverty living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty	<p>Share of the population with incomes below 185% of poverty that live in Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs)</p> <p>Share of the population with incomes below 185% of poverty that live in Areas of Concentrated Affluence (ACAs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our influence to build a more equitable region
Equity	9.	Share of new housing and share of nonresidential construction in Areas of Concentrated Poverty	<p>9a. Share of new housing constructed in Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs)</p> <p>9b. Share of new housing constructed in Areas of Concentrated Affluence (ACAs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our influence to build a more equitable region
Equity	10.	Share of Met Council hires and promotions that are filled by people of color	No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our influence to build a more equitable region
Equity	11.	Small business as a share of Council direct spend	11. Share of MCUB eligible spending by race and ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using our influence to build a more equitable region
Equity and Livability	12a.	Share of region's households experiencing housing cost burden	No change from adopted indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding choices • Providing housing and transportation choices
	12b.	Share of region's households experiencing housing cost burden, by race and ethnicity		
Equity and Livability	13.	Share of communities with housing options for low-income households	13a. Share of communities that met their allocated need for new affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding choices • Providing housing and transportation choices



	13a.	Share of transit station areas with housing options for low-income households	13b.	Share of transit-oriented development that is affordable	
Equity and Livability	14.	Average commuting time, by race and ethnicity		No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding choices • Providing housing and transportation choices
Equity and Livability	15.	Affordable housing as share of all new residential construction		No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding choices • Providing housing and transportation choices
Livability	16.	Visits to regional parks and trails per capita		No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access to regional parks and trails • Healthy lifestyles
Livability	17.	Share of workers commuting via walking, biking, transit, or rideshare		No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing housing and transportation choices • Aligning resources for transit-oriented and walkable places
Livability	18.	Bike network miles and regional trails miles open for use	18a.	Regional solicitations supporting bicycle infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting bicycle and pedestrian facilities
			18b.	Regional park acreage and trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy lifestyles
Livability and Stewardship	19.	Vehicle miles traveled per capita per day	19.	Average daily vehicle miles traveled per person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing housing and transportation choices • Leveraging transit with higher expectations of land

Livability and Stewardship	20.	Average number of jobs reachable by 30-minute transit/ pedestrian trip	No change from adopted indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing housing and transportation choices • Leveraging transit with higher expectations of land
Sustainability	21.	Per capita water usage served from surface water sources and from groundwater	21. Average daily municipal water use per capita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting wise use of water
Sustainability	22.	Greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions per capita	No change from adopted indicator*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing leadership on climate change and resilience
Sustainability	23.	Small particulate matter in the air: PM2.5 per cubic meter	23. Small particulate matter in the air: maximum value of PM2.5 per cubic meter as percent of National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQ) standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing leadership on climate change and resilience • Healthy lifestyles
Sustainability	24.	Met Council's own energy use (MBTUs) in ES and Transit operations	24. Met Council's own energy use (MBTUs) and GHG emissions in ES and Transit operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating wastewater treatment sustainably • Operating transit sustainably
Sustainability	25.	Number of water quality and air emission permit exceedances	25. Number of water quality permit exceedances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating wastewater treatment sustainably

* Indicator 22, greenhouse gases emissions per capita, is not available as of January 10, 2024. Met Council staff are working to collect data for this indicator; we expect it to be available in Spring 2024.



2. 2040 Housing Policy Plan Indicator Summary Table

Adopted Indicator (2014)	Updated Indicator (2023)	HPP Strategies
1a. Moderate or severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 30% of income on housing costs)	1a. Moderate or severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 30% of income on housing costs), by tenure 1b. Moderate or severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 30% of income on housing costs), by household area median income (AMI) 1c. Moderate or severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 30% of income on housing costs), by race and ethnicity 1d. Moderate or severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 30% of income on housing costs), by city and township	Encourage and invest in a wide variety of housing options, including viable housing choices for low- and moderate-income households
1b. Severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 50% of income on housing costs)	1e. Severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 50% of income on housing costs), by tenure 1f. Severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 50% of income on housing costs), by household area median income (AMI) 1g. Severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 50% of income on housing costs), by race and ethnicity 1h. Severe housing cost burden (share of households paying at least 50% of income on housing costs), by city and township	
2. Number of new units affordable at the Council's affordability thresholds	2a. Share of new housing that is affordable by AMI level 2b. Share of new affordable housing units that are age restricted	Support housing development, including the construction of affordable housing





<p>3a. Percent of communities lacking sufficient affordable housing options for their households with income at or below 30% of AMI</p> <p>3b. Percent of communities lacking sufficient affordable housing options for their households with income at or below 50% of AMI</p> <p>3c. Percent of communities lacking sufficient affordable housing options for their households with income at or below 80% of AMI</p>	<p>These indicators have been discontinued</p>	<p>Balance of low-income households and affordable housing: Create and maintain housing choices across the region</p>
<p>4a. Transit station areas lacking sufficient affordable housing for their households with income at or below 30% of AMI</p> <p>4b. Transit station areas lacking sufficient affordable housing for their households with income at or below 50% of AMI</p> <p>4c. Transit station areas lacking sufficient affordable housing for their households with income at or below 80% of AMI</p>	<p>These indicators have been discontinued</p>	<p>Ensure a mix of housing affordability along the region's transit routes and corridors</p>
<p>5. Total number of permitted housing located within one-half mile of a transit station or one-quarter mile of a hi-frequency bus line</p>	<p>5a. Share of new residential development near transit</p> <p>5b. Share of new residential development near transit that is affordable</p>	<p>Foster transit-oriented development</p>
<p>6. Number of new affordable units in higher-income areas</p>	<p>6a. New market rate and affordable units built in Areas of Concentrated Affluence</p> <p>6b. New market rate and affordable units built in Areas of Concentrated Poverty</p>	<p>Encourage new affordable and mixed-income housing in higher-income areas of the region</p>



7a. Share of population living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty	7a. Share of the population with incomes below 185% of poverty living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs)	Increase wealth, increase income diversity, and expand housing options for people with lower incomes to reduce the share of the population living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty
7b. Share of population living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty where at least half of the residents are people of color	7b. Indicator has been discontinued	
	7c. Share of the population with incomes below 185% of poverty living in Areas of Concentrated Affluence (ACAs)	
8a. Share of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty	8a. No change from adopted indicator	Promote greater Section 8 mobility for voucher holders and greater participation in Section 8 among property owners across the region
8b. Share of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders living in Areas of Concentrated Poverty where at least half of the residents are people of color	8b. Indicator has been discontinued	
	8c. Share of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders living in Areas of Concentrated Affluence (ACAs)	
	8d. Moderate or severe housing cost burden among Housing Choice Voucher households (share of households paying at least 30% of income on housing costs)	
	8e. Severe housing cost burden among Housing Choice Voucher households (share of households paying at least 50% of income on housing costs)	
9a. Average Housing Performance Score	9. Affordable housing production vs. need: Share of cities and townships that met their need for affordable housing	Cities across the region making a clear and demonstrable commitment to provide affordable housing
9b. Number of cities with Housing Performance Scores over 80		
10a. Affordable housing units funded through the Livable Communities Act	10a. Affordable housing units funded through the Livable Communities Act, by area median income (AMI)	Council resources help create and preserve housing choices across the region
10b. All housing units funded through the Livable Communities Act	10b. No change from adopted indicator	
	11. Homeownership rates, by race and ethnicity	