

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

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Subject: 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan: Implementation update on equity-related policies

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Proposed Action

Information item only.

Background

On February 11, 2015, the Council adopted the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The adopted policy plan adhered to directives put forward in *Thrive MSP 2040*, including a focus toward strengthening equitable usage of regional parks and trails. A total of 13 equity-related policies were put forward in the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to strengthen equitable use. The equity-related policies fell within three major domains: 1) planning and design, 2) convening and information, and 3) funding and investments. The language for several of the equity-related policies were framed as work commitments to engage in after the plan was adopted.

The purpose of this information item is to provide an update on the implementation of the 13 equity-related policies put forward in the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*.