

Dakota County Comprehensive Plan: Recommendation on Submittal to the Metropolitan Council

Dakota County Planning Commission
October 25, 2018

Planning Overview



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Plan Purpose:

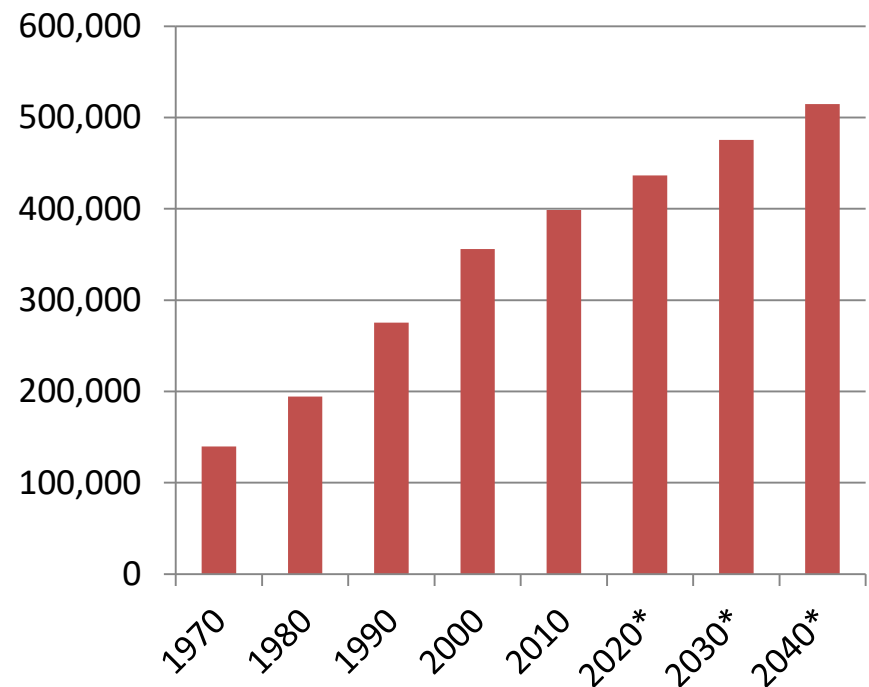
- Plan physical systems to accommodate projected population growth and protect natural resources

Requirements set by:

- MN Statutes
- Metropolitan Council
 - Local Planning Handbook
 - Systems Plans
 - System Statement

Figure 2.1: Dakota County Population Growth and Projections*: 1970-2040

Source: Metropolitan Council



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Planning Process Recap

- Initiated update in 2016
- Evaluated requirements and conducted research
- Engaged public on needs, opportunities, and goals
- Updated Planning Commission at key milestones
- Sought Board direction at key milestones
 - Phase 1: Research
 - Phase 2: Draft Goals
 - Phase 3: Draft Plan

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Planning Process Recap

Draft DC2040 Plan was released for six-month formal review and comment period:

April 1-October 1, 2018

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Draft Plan Chapters

1. Introduction
2. Demographics and Growth
3. Transportation
4. Park System
5. Land Use and Natural Resources (includes required MRCCA content)
6. Implementation

Community Engagement



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PHASE 1 RESEARCH	2017
Scientific Mail Survey	Mar-May
Web Pages, Online Survey	June-Sept
County Staff Meetings	Mar-Nov
Local, State, Regional Agency Meetings	May-June
Intercepts at Public Events (four)	July-Aug
Focus Groups: Transportation, Natural Resources and Parks	August
PHASE 2 DRAFT GOAL REVIEW	2017-2018
County Staff Meetings	Nov-Feb
Agency-Focus Groups: Transportation, Natural Resources and Parks	Jan-Feb
Intercepts (Farmington Expo, Galaxie Library) and Online Survey (58 responses)	Jan-Feb
Open House at Dakota Lodge	Feb

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PHASE 3 DRAFT PLAN REVIEW	April 1-October 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courtesy review from Metro Council and DNR• Notice to 96 affected and adjacent jurisdictions• Publicized draft DC2040 availability• Posted online and in libraries• Public Engagement Intercepts<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Burnsville International Festival– Rosemount Library– Dakota County Fair• Public Online Survey	<p>April</p> <p>April 1</p> <p>April, July, August</p> <p>April 1-October 1</p> <p>July</p> <p>August</p> <p>August</p> <p>April 1-October 1</p>
Public Hearing	November 27, 2018

Comments Received From:



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Dakota County Cities and Townships: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Ravenna, Rosemount, Rural Collaborative (consultant)

Adjacent Communities: Washington County, Scott County

School Districts: ISD 197

Watershed Management Organizations: Lower Minnesota WD and Vermillion River JPO

Agencies: Metro Council (courtesy review), Metro Airports Commission, MNDNR, MNDOT, National Park Service-MNRRRA, Three Rivers Park District

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Technical Comments – corrections, omissions, clarifications

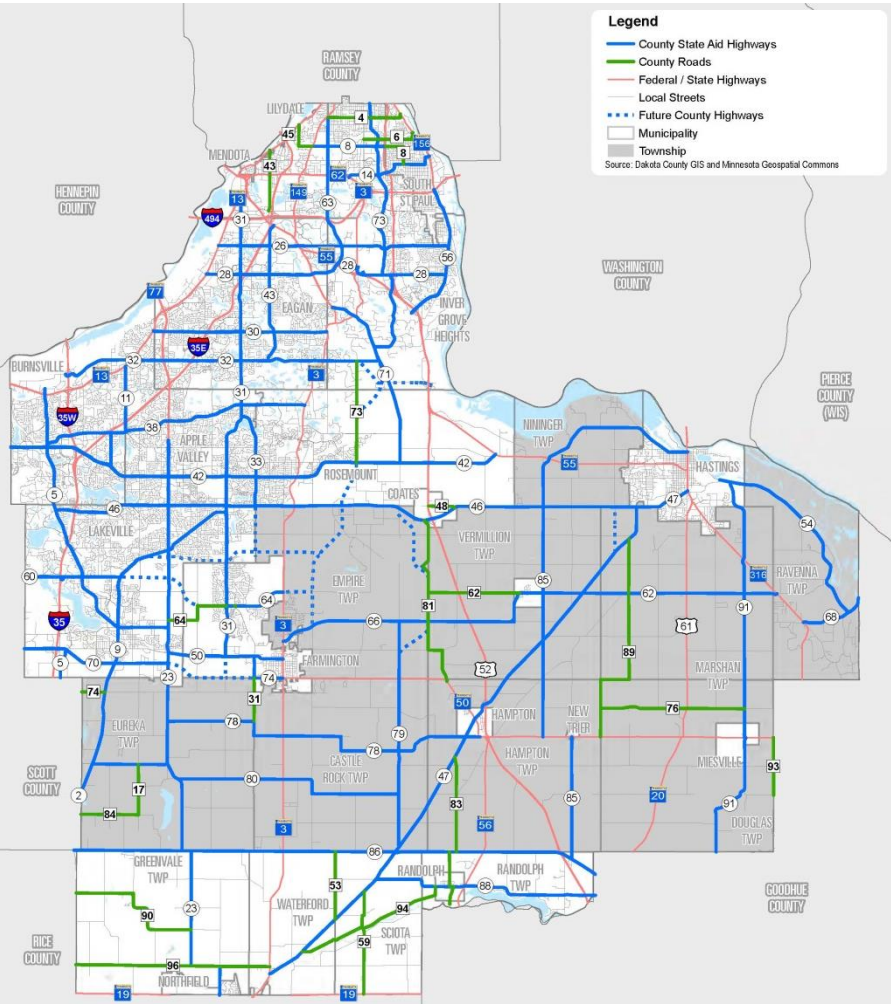
Substantive Policy Comments – suggested changes to policies, goals, and objectives

- Comments and responses are provided in Appendix A.
- Plan revisions (technical and substantive) are highlighted in the document.

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Transportation:

- Received the most comments, many were technical
- Full Transportation Plan update in 2019 will address many comments
- Maps updated for legibility

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Transportation:

- **Apple Valley:** 140th trail and pedestrian crossing
- **Eagan, Inver Grove Heights:** Ten ton route on CSAH26
- **Lakeville:** Access spacing
- **Scott County:** ROW need methods differ, requiring coordination

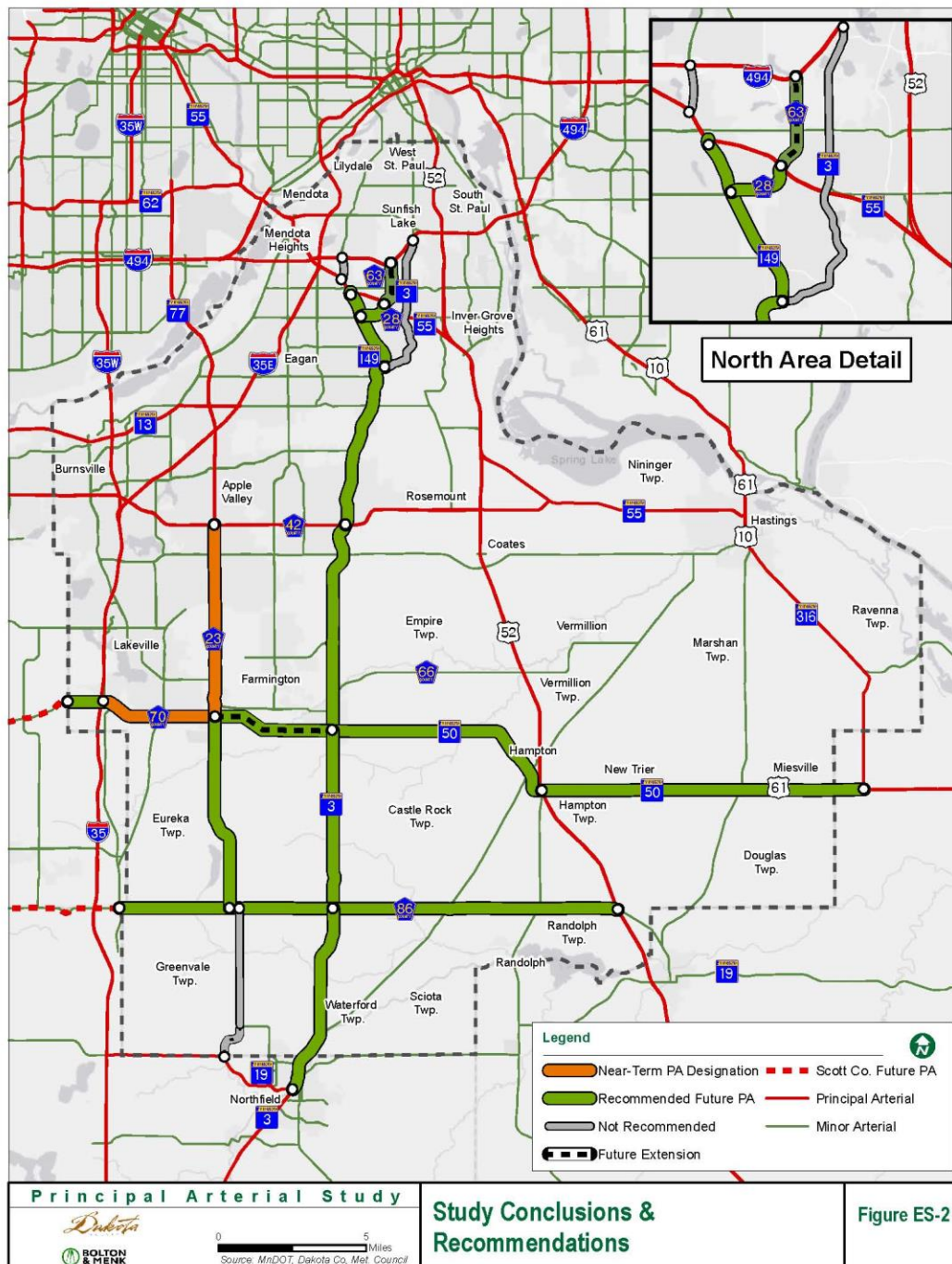
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Transportation:

- **MVTA:** access vs. mobility on CSAH 42 (transit priority)
- **MAC:** Air Lake runway extension and future move of Cedar and 225th Street intersection
- **DNR Region 3:** use of wildlife protective practices in road projects
- **DNR MRCCA:** Rule 6106 ROW maintenance provisions



Dakota County:
Principal Arterial
Study incorporation
*(will be adopted by
Board on October
23, 2018)*

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Parks

- Received the fewest comments
- Most comments were technical (map updates)

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Parks

- **Burnsville, Rosemount, Three Rivers:**
Interest in continued greenway collaborations
- **Met Council, DNR:**
Map/text updates to show more areas managed by others

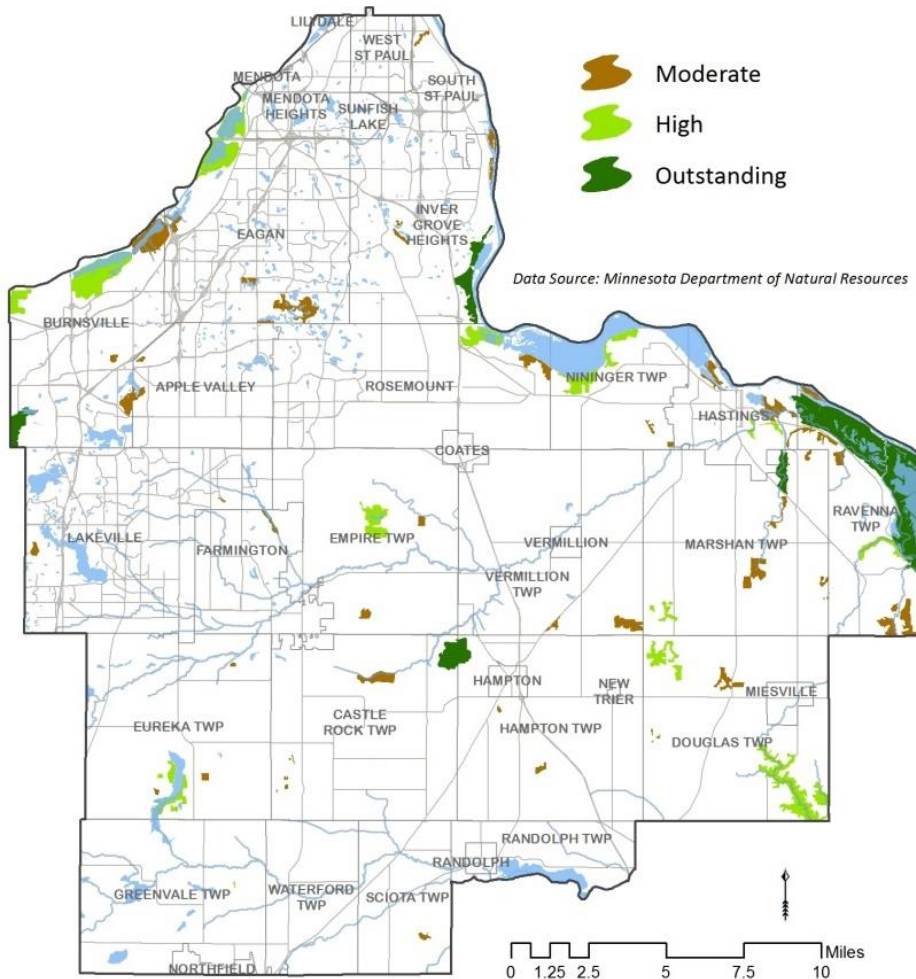


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MN DNR Areas of Significant Biodiversity



Land Use-Natural Resources

- Received moderate number of comments
- Comments related to land resources, water, waste, MRCCA, and other areas

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Land Use-Natural Resources

- **Burnsville:** interest in County assisting to move waste from Freeway Landfill to Burnsville Landfill
- **Lakeville:** support water resources objectives
- **Ravenna:** opposition to Vermillion Watershed standards for site disturbance
- **Rosemount:** interest in stronger County role in waste facility siting

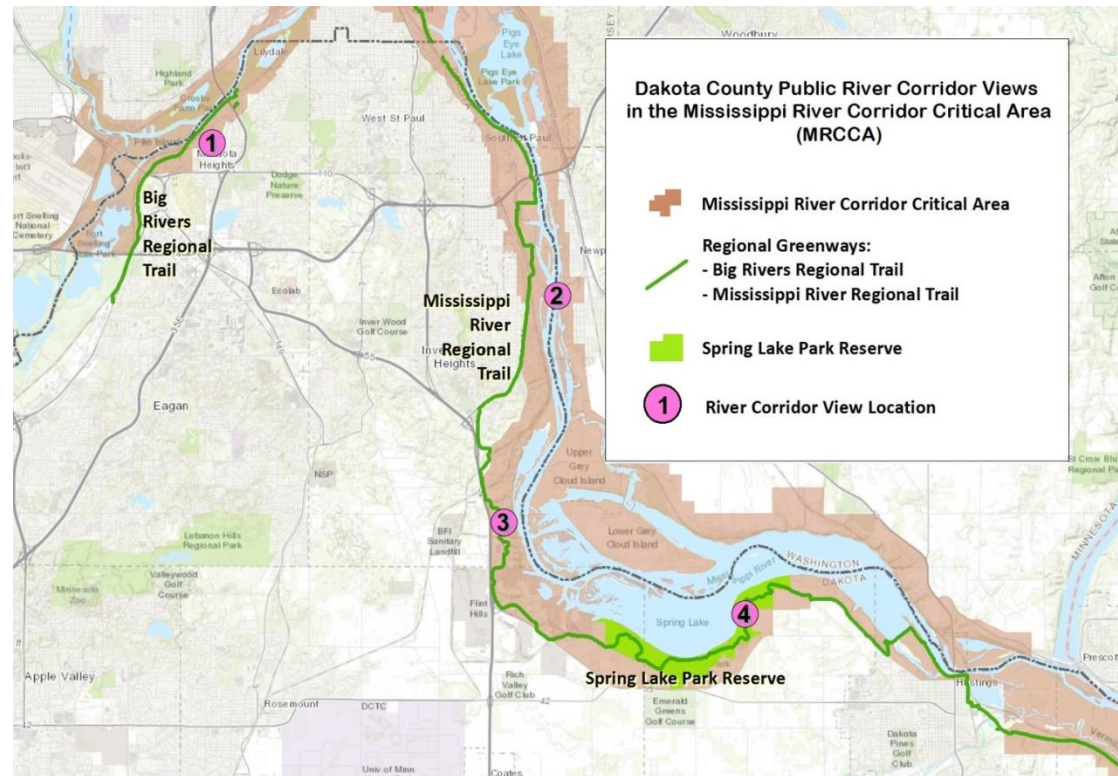
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- **National Park Service:**
 - Primary Conservation Area content for greenways
 - add River View map



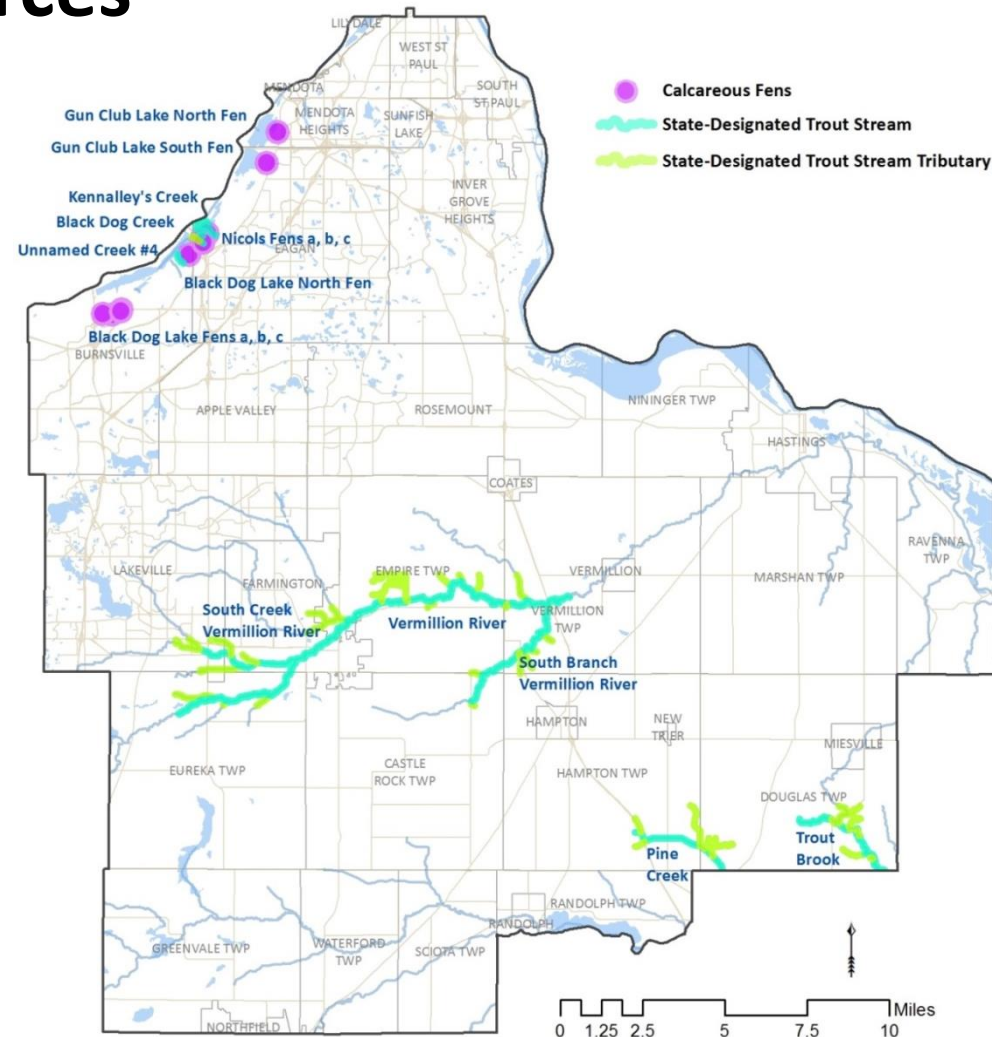
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- **DNR-MRCCA:** ROW maintenance per MN Rule 6106
- **DNR Reg. 3:** include maps/text for trout streams, calcareous fens, language on nitrate impacts



Land Use-Natural Resources

- **Lower MN WD:** recommended ordinance changes to match their standards
- **Vermillion River JPO:**
 - Emphasized need for sustainable agriculture
 - Assist with TMDL waste-load allocation reductions
 - Add objective to protect high quality infiltration areas
 - New goal for wastewater
 - Infiltrate where appropriate, not everywhere

Proposed Next Steps



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Action	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommend to Physical Development Committee (PDC) to submit draft plan to the Metropolitan Council	October 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PDC receives draft plan, comments, and Planning Commission recommendation.Considers submittal of draft plan to the Metropolitan Council	November 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none">County Board holds public hearing on the draftCounty Board acts on plan submittal to the Metropolitan Council	November 27
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft plan sent to the Metropolitan Council for final review and approval (completed within 120 days)	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan adopted by Board if approved by Met Council	April 2019

Requested Action



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Recommend to the Physical Development Committee that the draft Dakota County Comprehensive Plan, DC2040, be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for final review.