



# Thrive MSP

## The Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Land Planning Act

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## Today's Topics

- Review the “comprehensive development guide” required of the Council
- Discuss relationship of Council planning and implementation by local governments

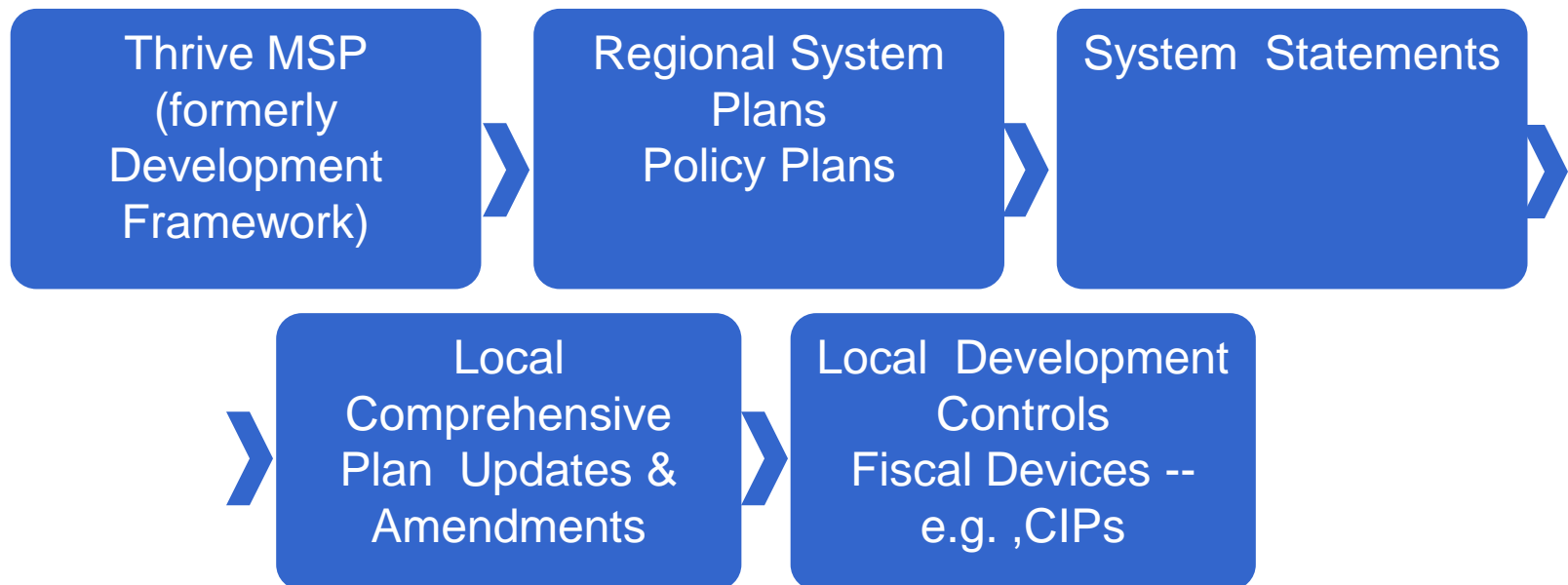
## Planning & coordination central to Council's purpose

- Created in 1967 to “coordinate the planning and development of the metropolitan area”
- Council must adopt a comprehensive development guide

## Implementation through Metropolitan Land Planning Act

- Review local comprehensive plans
- 1967 “Written comment and recommendations”
- 1976 Required plan modifications

## Regional & Local Planning Relationship



## The Comprehensive Development Guide

- The overarching “umbrella” – goals, strategies and general policies
- “a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs and maps ***prescribing guides*** for an orderly and economic development”

## Implementation > Long-Range Policy Plans

- Long-range policy plans for transportation, wastewater treatment, regional parks
- “Metropolitan system plans” = policy plans and capital budgets for wastewater services, transportation and regional parks

## Implementation > System Statements

- Metropolitan system statements issued in conjunction with decennial update and amendments
- Cities must review comprehensive plans to ensure conformity with metropolitan system plans and review fiscal devices and local controls – cannot conflict with the cities’ comprehensive plans



## Implementation > Council Review

- Compatibility with each other and “conformity with metropolitan system plans”
- “the apparent consistency of the comprehensive plans with adopted plans of the council”
- Can mandate plan modifications – “substantial impact on or contain a substantial departure from metropolitan system plans”

## Implementation > Local Government Response

- Cities have nine months to adopt plans with required modifications
- Council may commence civil proceedings if a city “fails to adopt a comprehensive plan in accordance” with the Act

## Planning Assistance to Local Governments

- Local Planning Assistance Program
- Local Planning Handbook
- Local Planning Assistance Grant and Loan Program
- Environmental Svcs & Transportation Planning staff
- Land Use Advisory Committee



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