

**C** Community Development Committee  
Meeting date: October 1, 2012,  
For the Council Meeting of October 10, 2012

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

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| Date:                     | September 26, 2012   |
| Subject:                  | Regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment and the Thrive MSP 2040 Planning Process, Resolution No. 2012-33 |
| District(s), Member(s):   | All  |
| Policy/Legal Reference:   | None   |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Gary Cunningham, Metropolitan Council Member, District 7, Committee Chair                                |
| Division/Department:      | Community Development Division   |

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution, Regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment and the Thrive MSP 2040 Planning Process, Resolution No. 2012-33 supporting the use of the Fair Housing Equity Assessment results to inform and guide the Thrive MSP 2040 plan.

**Background**

Chair Gary Cunningham, along with Tim Thompson, President of Housing Preservation Project and Chip Halbach, Executive Director of Minnesota Housing Partnership will present information about the Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA) work and its intersection with the Thrive MSP 2040 process.

**Rationale**

The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program requires that grantees produce a FHEA as part of their program deliverables.

**Funding**

None.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-33**

**REGIONAL FAIR HOUSING EQUITY ASSESSMENT AND THE THRIVE MSP 2040  
PLANNING PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Council as lead grantee for the Corridors of Opportunity Consortium is tasked with conducting the Regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA) for the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of HUD as well as the Metropolitan Council that the results of the FHEA analysis inform and guide the Corridors of Opportunity Sustainable Development Plan, the Metropolitan Council's Thrive MSP 2040 planning process, and the system plans and policy plans which will follow; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition the engagement of the Region's marginalized populations currently underway through FHEA will greatly strengthen the Thrive MSP 2040 results; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to provide direction to the Thrive MSP 2040 planning process at an early stage as to how FHEA results will inform Thrive MSP 2040 over time, even before final FHEA results are available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Metropolitan Council formally acknowledges that it will rely on the results of the FHEA analysis, including findings and recommendations, to inform and guide the Thrive MSP 2040 plan as well as system plans and policy plans which will follow.
2. To that end, any principles and goals adopted by the Council to guide Thrive MSP 2040 planning and subsequent system plans and policy plans will explicitly include recognition of the regional goal of more effectively connecting all persons in the region to opportunity in the form of access to jobs, good schools, safe neighborhoods, transit, housing and other key opportunity assets. A particular emphasis will be placed on increasing access to opportunity for low income households and communities of color, both through connecting people to high opportunity areas and by bringing opportunity assets to under-resourced areas, as well as encouraging greater racial and economic integration.
3. Staff shall be directed to develop a timeline which integrates FHEA with Thrive MSP 2040 so that FHEA results at various stages can inform Thrive on an ongoing iterative basis.

4. As growth scenarios are developed to assist with Thrive MSP 2040 planning, each scenario should be assessed as to its impact on connecting the Region's people to greater opportunity, particularly with respect to low income communities of color.

Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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Susan Haigh  
Chair

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Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary