LCA Policy Development

Information Session

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What We'll Cover Today

Policy program overview

Program details (scoring, activities, key dates)

Application resources

Q&A

What is LCA

Livable Communities Goals

Livable Communities Act (LCA) grants are awarded to participating communities in the seven-county metro region. Through seven different grant programs, LCA grants help communities achieve development goals that create more **housing choice**, support **living wage job** creation, and **connect** jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more **equitable region**.

What is Policy Development

The Policy Development program provides funding to participating cities to support **locally adopted policies** that influence **physical development** and further both LCA and Thrive MSP 2040 goals with an emphasis on equitable development.
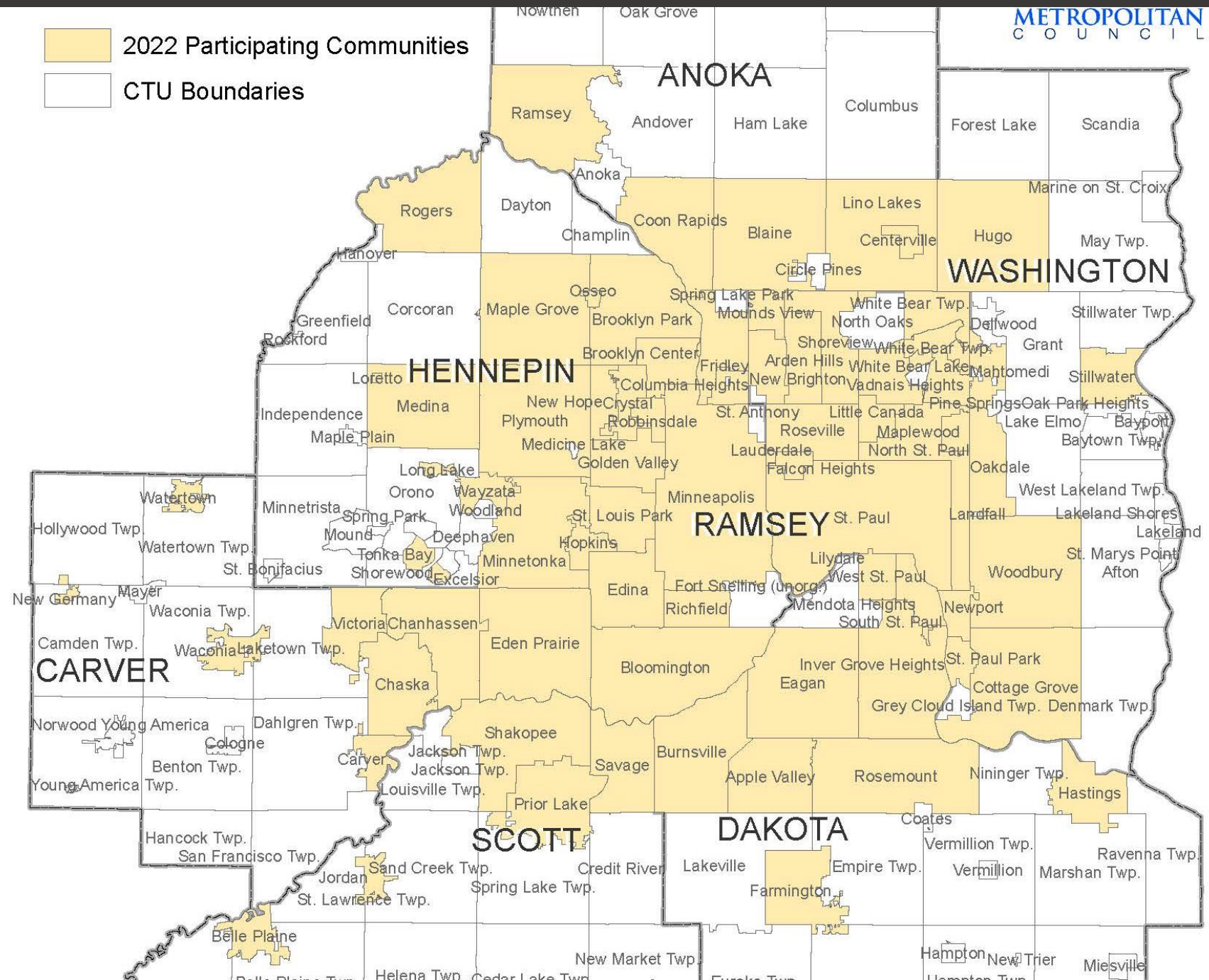
# Who is eligible for Policy Development

Participating Cities

- Elect to participate in the Local Housing Incentives program

- Establish goals for affordable and lifecycle housing

- Currently 76 participating cities in the 7-county region

- Full list on LCA website

Eligibility

Eligible Policies

- Policies that further LCA and/or Thrive Goals
  - Affordable housing
  - Living wage jobs
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Compact, connected development
  - Equitable development outcomes

- Policies must have an impact on physical development in the city

- Need to be adopted by the City County

- Enforceable policies

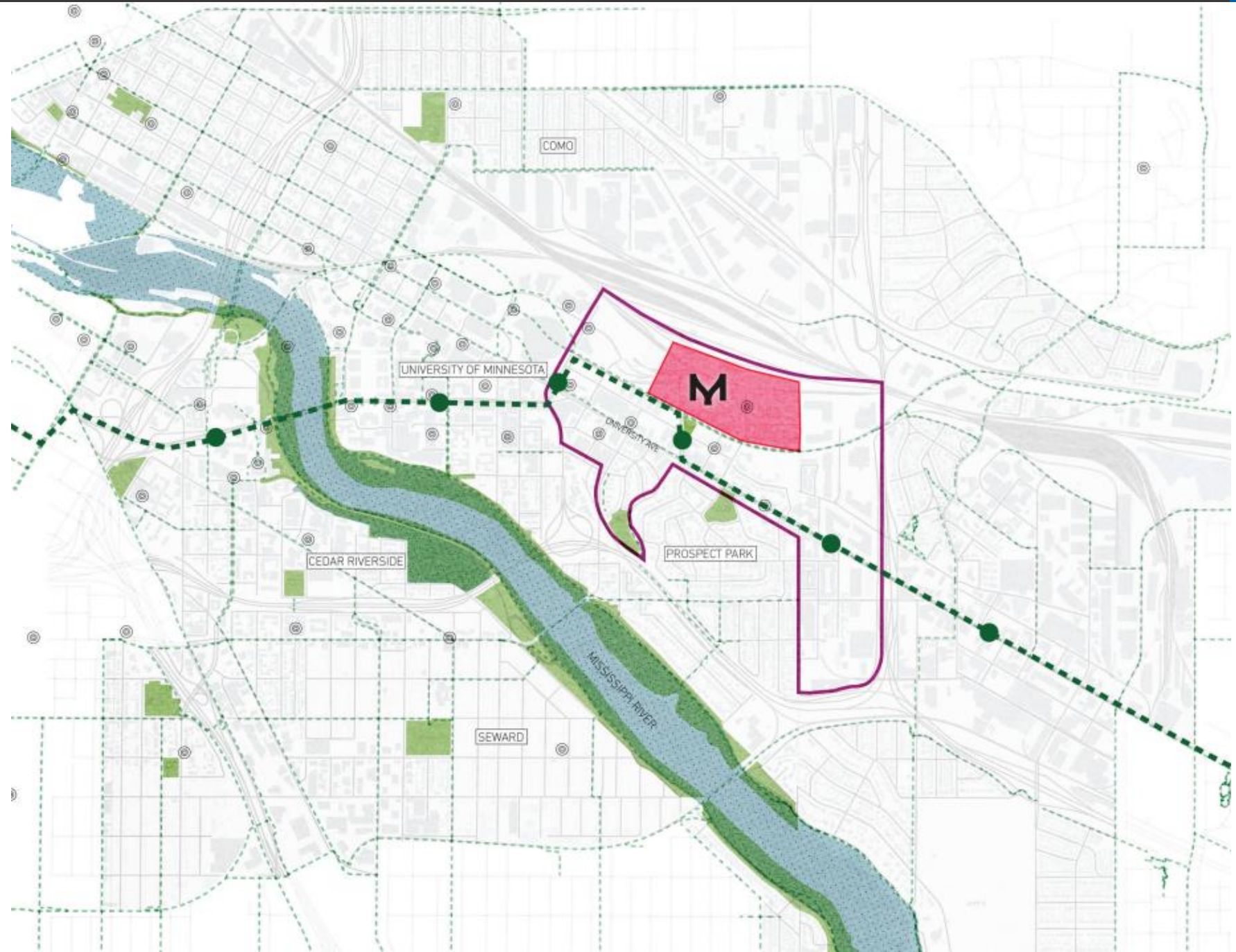- Can be specific to a specific geographic area within the city (like a station area)

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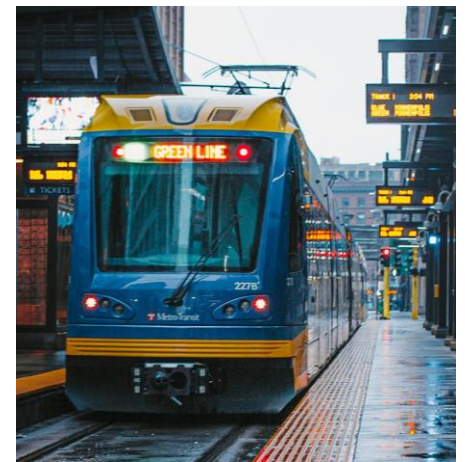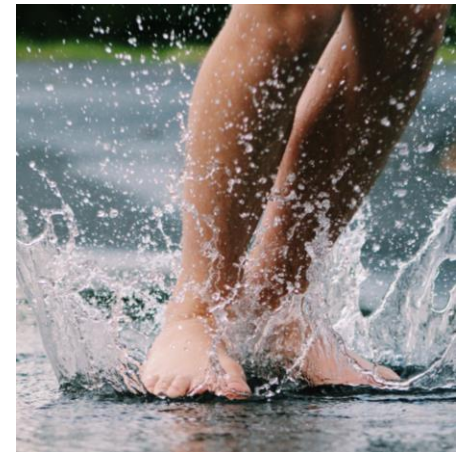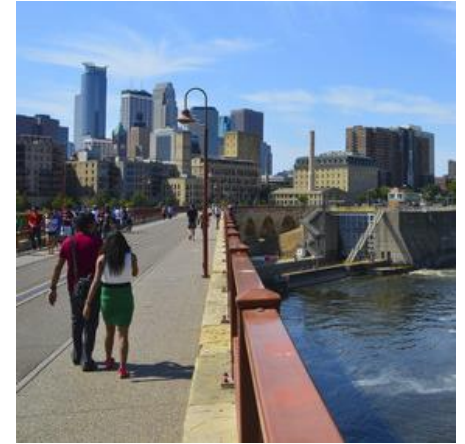
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Program Dates

Round Two of Pre-Development & Policy Development

- June 20: Applications Open
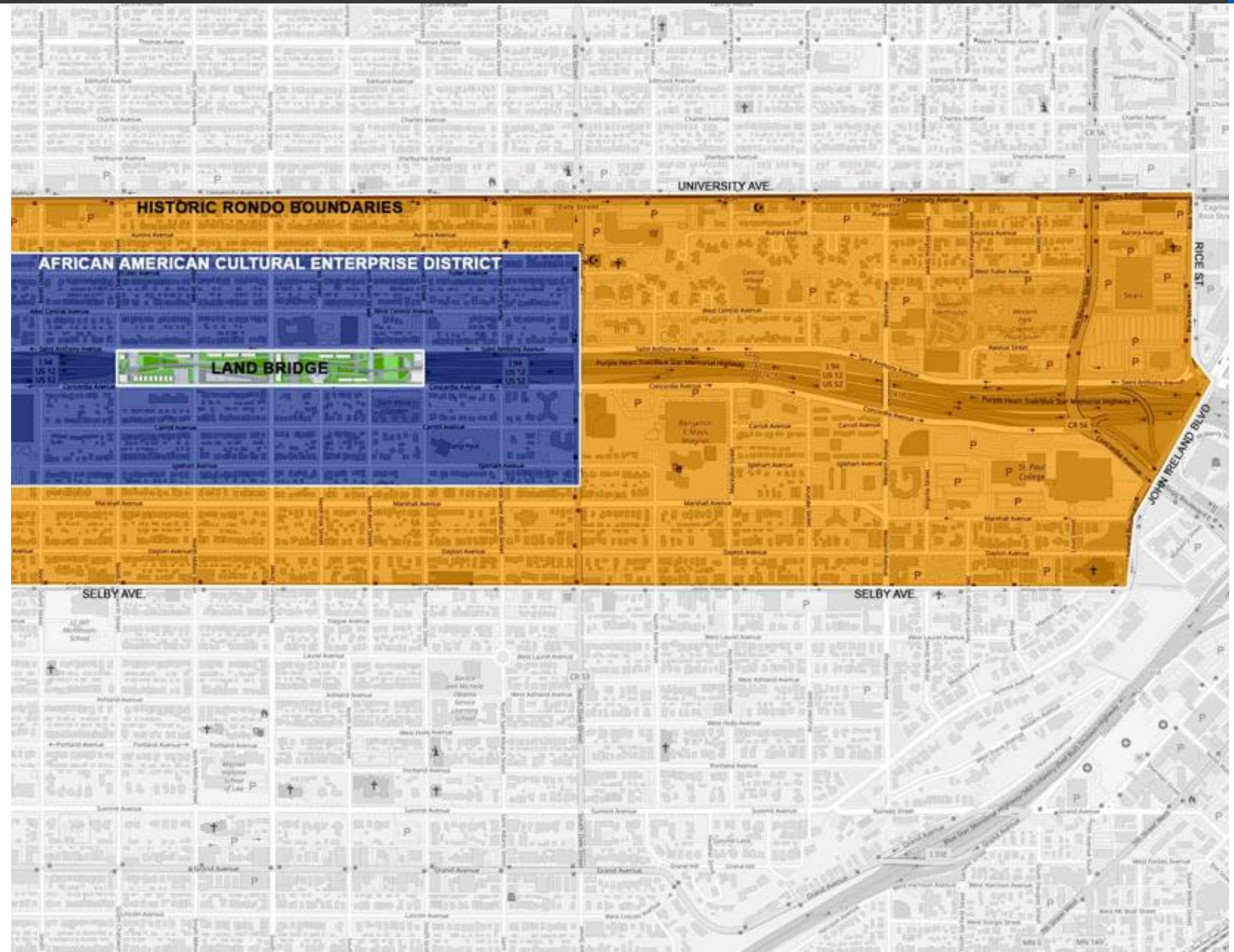
- July 18: Applications Due

- September: Awards

Key Information

Funding

- **$50,000** limit per city

- **One** application each city each round

- **2-year** grant term (1-year extension)

Eligible Activities

Activities to Support Policy Development

Consultant

- Primarily consultant staff time to develop policy

Engagement

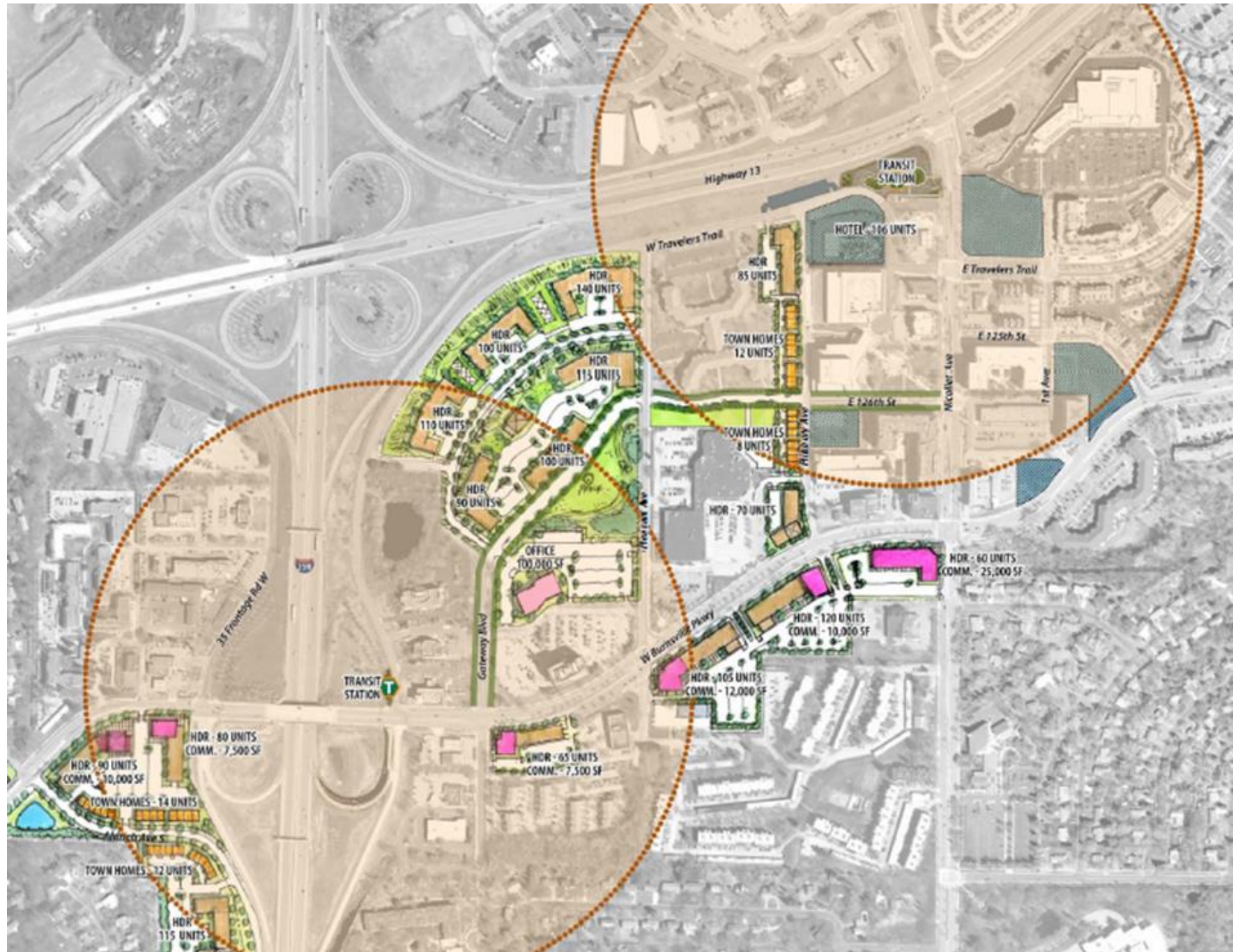- Materials
- Incentives and/or participant payment (food, childcare, stipend, etc.)
- City staff time directly related to engagement

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Example Policies

Local Policy Examples

- TOD Zoning
- Inclusionary Housing Policy
- Green Building Policy
- Cultural Corridors
- Anti-Displacement Overlay District

Scoring

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given **race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes** in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Policies addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Scoring

Review Criteria

What: LCA/Thrive goals the policy will meet

How: The process you go through to determine the need for the policy and develop the policy

Who: The team coming together to develop the policy

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Policy

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What: Policy Development Outcomes

The proposed policy would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals associated with physical development:

	Scoring Criteria	Points	Evaluation Considerations	Examples to Achieve Points
LCA and Thrive Goals	• Increasing housing choice and creating more affordable housing opportunities • Creating or preserving permanent, accessible, living wage jobs • Intensifying density and intensity of land uses that better support multimodal transportation and connections between jobs, housing, and amenities • Minimizing climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources	25	• Will the future policy create or preserve affordable housing in the city to provide more affordable housing options in the city? • Will the policy create more affordable housing opportunities in the city? • How will the policy support new living wage jobs? • Will the policy support increased density in a way that leads to more connected development? • How is the policy considering impacts of climate change as a result of physical development?	• Preserve existing affordable housing • New affordable housing created through inclusionary zoning or requiring affordable units to receive city funding • DBE or other policies that introduces contracting requirements for developers working in the city • Local policies that require living wage jobs for development projects that include local financing or need local approvals • Upzoning to allow for more density throughout the city or in key areas identified as part of the policy development • Multimodal connections requirements for new developments or redevelopments • Complete streets policies • Building requirements that prioritize environmental sustainability such as LEED or other widely recognized environmental sustainability standards

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Application Resources

POLICY DEVELOPMENT	ENVIRONMENT	CONNECTIONS	DEVELOPMENT

- **Policy Agenda**
  A Policy Agenda outlining policy solution framework by Equity in Place

- **Planning for Equity Policy Guide**
  An equity policy guide by the American Planning Association

- **National Environmental Justice Policy Scan**
  Local policies for envionmental justice national scan by the Tishman Environment and Design Center

- **PolicyLink Housing Policy Review**
  A review of housing policy by PolicyLink

- **Inclusionary Housing Overview**
  A policy focus report on Inclusionary housing by the Lincoln Institute

- **Structural Racism Remedies Repository**
  Policy-based recommendations for advancing racial equity by Othering & Belonging Institute

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Upcoming in LCA

July 18: Pre-Development & Policy applications due

July: LHIA applications due through MN Housing

July: LCDA & TOD Development webinars

August 15: LCDA & TOD Development applications due

October: LHIA Homeownership Pilot applications due

November 1: TBRA applications due

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