

Thrive MSP 2040 Policy Discussion Matrix

Review of Changes to ProtoThrive

Topic	Previous language or concerns	Changes and/or proposed language
Highways	Concern about inadequate language referring to the highways	More specific references to highways and roads and bridges (rather than transportation) and the highway investment strategy added on p. 11
Transit and land use	Concern about making the case more strongly about tying transit and land use	Revised sentence on p. 12: “We have learned that effective stewardship of public transit dollars requires a more strategic coordination of regional transit investments with more-intensive surrounding land uses, connected development patterns and urban form.”
Regionally significant economic places	No action associated with regionally-significant economic places	New sentence on p. 16: “As a regional entity, the Council will work with local communities to monitor and manage these land use conflicts and recommend solutions that balance the overall region’s needs with local needs.”
Redevelopment	Unease about the section titled, “Reducing the cost differential between redevelopment and greenfield development sites”	Rewritten section on p. 18 under a new header, “Encouraging redevelopment and infill development across the region”
Racially-Concentrated Areas of Poverty	Concern about inadequate emphasis on the benefits of reducing Racially-Concentrated Areas of Poverty	New sentences on p. 21: “By 2010, nearly one in ten of our region’s residents lived in racially-concentrated areas of poverty. Because racially-concentrated areas of poverty can both limit the economic mobility of their residents and discourage private investment, our region simply cannot afford to allow racially-concentrated areas of poverty to either persist or grow.”
Community engagement	Need for greater linkage to community engagement	New introductory sentences on p. 23: “To move toward equity, our region needs the full range of voices at the table in order to understand issues, explore alternative approaches and proceed with action. This will require new approaches for the Council.” Specific reference to “historically under-represented populations” added on p. 23.

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Healthy communities	Request for language about the health benefits of planning and land use	New section on p. 24 to describe a new action item on Promoting healthy communities and active living through planning and investments
Climate change	Request for additional language to make the case for Council action on climate change	Additional sentence on p. 30: "Climate change threatens our continued orderly and economical development." New bullet on p. 32: "Assess the risks and opportunities presented to the region from a changing climate and the potential rewards from addressing those risks and opportunities."
Collaboration	Request for reference to specific collaborations	New language on p. 37 referencing the Corridors of Opportunity / Partnership for Regional Opportunity and the Environmental Quality Board