



Preparing for the 2050 Regional Plan

Today's meeting

- Review – status/outcomes
- Briefly - what we heard in January
- Discuss remaining three questions
 - What does it look like to be an effective steward of regional resources? (January)
 - What's going well and should keep moving forward? (January)
 - What questions are we not asking ourselves about the long-range future of the region?
 - What are the unique opportunities the Metropolitan Council has to create distinction, leadership and trust in the region?
 - What part should you play in leading the Metropolitan Development Guide?
- Wrap-up and next steps

Outcomes of today's discussion

- High-level understanding of the regional planning process and timeline
- Listen to Council member expectations and interests
- Provide time for discussion about your policymaking goals
- **Plan for future conversations, work to guide the regional plan process**

January Conversation

What does it look like to be an effective steward of regional resources?

- Communication
 - Transparent
 - Authentically listen
 - Intentionally inclusive
- Leadership
 - Servant Leadership
 - End disparities and systemic racism
- Planning
 - Choose areas of focus
 - Outcomes/goals
 - Think long-term
- Stewardship
 - Finite resources
 - Maximize returns
 - Safeguard what is scarce

What's going well and should keep moving forward?

- Innovative thinking in an ever-changing world
- Two new treatment plants, consider energy efficiencies
- Shared mobility and the future of transit
- Make progress on racial disparities; focus on employment, contractors, construction projects, etc.
- 2020 showed us how creative and innovative our services can be and how responsive we were to the greater needs. And we're not going back to where we were. Requires a change in culture.
- Leverage the technology and what we've learned
- Council meetings: adopt a hybrid model of in person and virtual
 - May reduce barrier of distance (esp. for committees)
 - Advocate for the open meetings law to change
 - Accessibility

What questions are we not asking ourselves about the long-range future of the region?

- We are not monitoring enough nor provided enough data to our municipalities on the shared planning and impacts of developments **impact on our environmental sustainability**. How to **demolish our nation leading inequalities for African Americans**.
- How do we address **racial disparities** and **stop accepting failure and a lack of leadership**?
- How will we be able to provide adequate transit while address a significant deficit?
- We plan. But do we know the plans we are laying out will directly impact our goals? I would like to see how transportation/transit, community development, environmental services, public safety **plans are not only transactional but transformational**.
- COVID has shown that telecommuting is feasible and preferably (less travel, less pollution) so transportation needs will change; also, there is no comprehensive vision on how changing demographics will demand changes to our services
- how can we be more **creative in thinking outside the box on historical questions and undoing processes** which need new life?
- How our resources and investments promote a more equitable region even outside of our formal authorities; how we leverage our investments to create change broadly throughout the region.
- How can we better adapt to the rapidly increasing pace of change.
- How to address growing gap in financial security and its impact on the future of the metro region.

What are the unique opportunities the Metropolitan Council has to create distinction, leadership and trust in the region?

- We could **use the technology capacity built to meet remotely to do more, be more accessible**, and find ways to further improve on its use. Cost savings from this can be spent on **more engagement** and other needs.
- Convene people around regional issues
- As a top 5 Xcel customer, **moving to 100% renewable energy** will distinguish us nationally
- **Relationship building**. Fact-based communications. Transparency. Timeliness. Inclusivity - in all ways. Accountability. We are a huge organization & need to remember interactions/work are still personal. Keep the council members engaged and connected.
- **more leadership at the cutting edge** – how can we continue to build the pipeline of jobs for trades which our workforce needs?
- By focusing our investments around community development on hyper-local, community-driven initiatives we can, as district reps balancing local and regional perspectives, collaboratively gain broader support for these efforts.
- Right now we have more challenges than opportunities.
- Increasing awareness of the assets and needs of the region for decision-makers at all levels and for citizens.

What part should you play in leading the Metropolitan Development Guide?

- That appropriate for the role, listener, connector, advocate, and steward.
- Visible presence in my district to facilitate conversations
- I am responsible to my district (as well as the whole region) – so any opportunities to connect with my stakeholders will be important to ensure their voices are heard
- Any way we can plug in please let us know
- Bringing innovative, "out of the box," ideas and perspective to the guide to ensure it is forward looking and not overly confined to the status quo
- Listener and leader



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