2050 Metropolitan Development Guide

Overview and Timing



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Today's Conversation

- Overview of the Metropolitan Development Guide
- Approach to the 2050 Planning Process
- Work to Date and Upcoming Work
- Discussion on Council Member Involvement



Why regional planning?



Statute Requires Development Guide

The Metropolitan Council shall prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and such public hearings as may be necessary, a comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area... (Minn. Stat. 473.145)



Statute Requires Development Guide

... It shall consist of a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs, and maps prescribing guides for the orderly and economical development, public and private, of the metropolitan area and those future developments which will have an impact on the entire area including but not limited to such matters as land use, parks and open space land needs, the necessity for and location of airports, highways, transit facilities, public hospitals, libraries, schools, and other public buildings. (Minn. Stat. 473.145)



Regional Planning Questions

- Where are we today?
- Where do we want to go?
- How do we want to get there?
- What are barriers or opportunities for achieving our vision?







challenges.

measurable results.

track progress

Major Plan Activities



*Note: there is engagement throughout the entire regional planning process. There will be foundational engagement with communities and partners starting later this year and continuing through this cycle.

Where we are going – big picture

	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
Project Phase	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4																
Current State Investigation & Reporting																				
Includes régional issues workshops studies, census, comp plan composite, etc.																				
Vision Development & ID Challenges / Opportunities																				
Intensive outreach & engagement																				
Topic Area Specific engagement, such as land use																				
Forecasting & Scenarios Planning investigation																				
System / Policy Area Work																				
Engagement - iterative, parallel on all topics																				
Delivery of additional studies																				
Policy development, refinement																				
2050 MDG Draft																				
Drafts of Chapters (land use, parks, housing, etc.)																				
Adopt 2050 MDG & Chapters																				
System Statement Development																				
Publish System Statements																				

What we have done so far

We've been building the regional "current state" and understanding to support future regional planning:

- May 20, 2020: Covid-19 Impacts on Unemployment, Income, and Housing Cost Burden
- July 15, 2020: Regional Economic Framework
- September 2, 2020: Rethinking Areas of Concentrated Poverty
- September 2, 2020: Network Next and Arterial BRT Plan Update
- December 2, 2020: Residential Development in the Twin Cities (2019)
- December 2, 2020: Development Trends Along Transit
- ULI-MN Navigating your Competitive Future Developers Panel
- December 9, 2020: Network Next and Arterial BRT Evaluation Results
- January 20 & March 3, 2021: Initial 2050 Regional Planning Discussion
- January 27, 2021: MAC Recovery through the Pandemic
- April 7, 2021: Comprehensive Plan Composite
- June 16, 2021: Comp Plan: Healthy Community Planning Project with MN Dept. of Health and Public Health Law Center
- July 28, 2021: Regional Forecast Update through 2050
- August 4, 2021: Changes in Green Spaces in the Region
- August 4, 2021: 2020 Land Use Inventory
- August 18, 2021: 50-year History of the Fiscal Disparities Program & Panel Discussion
- September 8, 2021: Appointment of Water Resources Policy Plan Advisory Group
- September 15, 2021: 2020 Residential Development Trends
- September 15, 2021: Affordable Housing Development Trends and Regional Housing Policy
- October 6, 2021: Growth and Change in the Region's Communities: Lessons from the 2020 Census

PLUS other discussions in Transportation (TAB & TAC) and Environment Committees

What we've done - simplified



What's Next in 2022?

- Building the Regional Vision
 - Identifying values
 - Refining outcomes
 - Identifying key regional issues \rightarrow drivers and barriers
 - Scenarios planning
- Standing up technical committees to support public discussion
- Internal work unit discussions on regional issues workshops
- 2022 Work Planning
 - Staff & Committee Work Plans



Early stage engagement



What We've Heard So Far

- Important principles for the work
 - Process is important!
 - Public participation
 - Creating opportunities for advisory committees to connect
 - Engagement with local governments
- Important topic areas
 - Equity and reducing/eliminating disparities
 - Sustainability & climate change
 - Housing and housing affordability
 - What will the post-pandemic region look like including the persistence of current travel patterns



What can we add?
Critical, regional issues
Uncertainties
Values

How do Council members want to be involved in vision development?

Options for consideration

- Committee of the Whole (Council) conversations/workshops
- Standing and advisory committee
 discussions
- Leading/participating in discussions
 with district communities
- Metropolitan Development Guide
 Vision work group
- Attendance/participation in technical groups

- Which approaches are most meaningful to you?
- Which approaches achieve principles of integration, collaboration, and transparency?
- What is reasonable, given time demands of Council members?



Questions and Discussion

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