2050 Metropolitan Development Guide

Overview and Timing
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?

Interdependent communities

Individual communities impact region’s infrastructure

Growth creates need for public services

Increased risk of air and water pollution & water supply shortages

Ensure coordinated, orderly, & economical development

Protect public health, safety, & welfare

Regional Planning
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?
Regional Conditions & Challenges

Challenges describe the region’s development guide context.

The community-led vision articulates our aspirations for the region. Could include scenarios.

Based on vision and challenges, this is how we guide development. Could include scenarios.

The roles, policies, and/or objectives that support development in ways that achieve the vision in the face of challenges.

Strategies or actions, informed by topic leads, with coordination among all sections, produce measurable results.

Dashboard metrics to track progress.

Vision

Guide Regional Growth & Development

# Actions

A  Land Use

B  Housing

C  Parks

D  Transportation

E  Water Resources

F  Implementation

Inequities
Changing Communities
Affordability
Stewardship
Climate Change
Public Health
Other Regional Challenges/Opportunities
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# Major Plan Activities

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*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

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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: 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

- Committee presentations and discussions
  - Data
  - Analysis
  - Studies

- Advisory Committees
  - Data
  - Allocating resources
  - Community experiences, equity

- Committee of the Whole conversations
  - Council member discussions
  - Panel discussions
  - External partners, experts

- Council member work groups
  - Values
  - Issues
  - Trends
What’s Next in 2022?

• Building the Regional Vision
  • Identifying values
  • Refining outcomes
  • Identifying key regional issues → 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

Scenario planning
- Advisory committee volunteers
- Trends, uncertainties, strategies

Advisory Committees
- Updates
- Emerging regional issues

Committee of the Whole Conversations
- Values, vision
- Policy direction

Local government, partners
- Comp planning lessons learned
- Emerging regional issues
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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