



Comprehensive Plan Composite: Equity in Planning

Committee of the Whole



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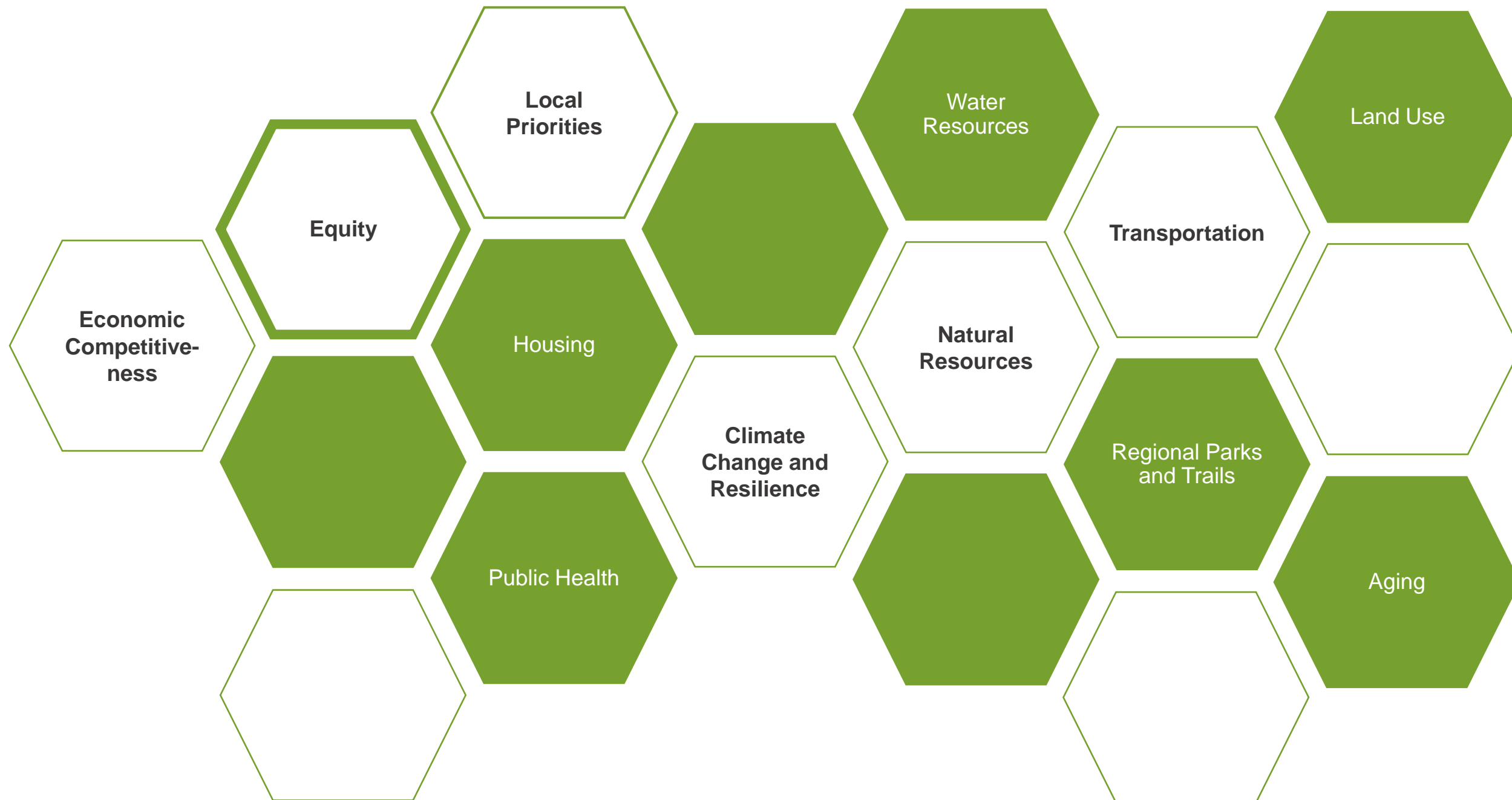
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Regional Planning Questions



Comp Plan Composite Headlines



Today's Agenda

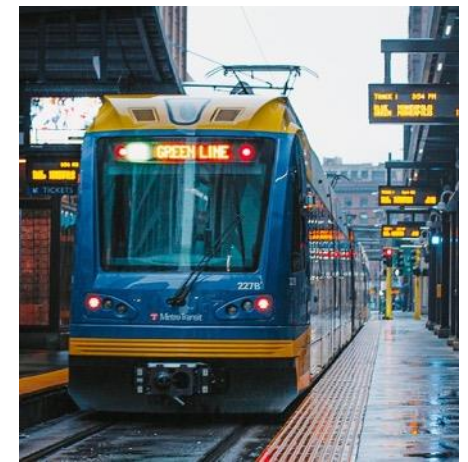


- Setting the Stage
- General Findings
- Trends & Themes
- Standout Communities
- Discussion

Setting the Stage

Key Questions

- Are local governments addressing equity in 2040 Comprehensive Plans?
- Which communities are addressing equity?
- How are communities talking about equity?



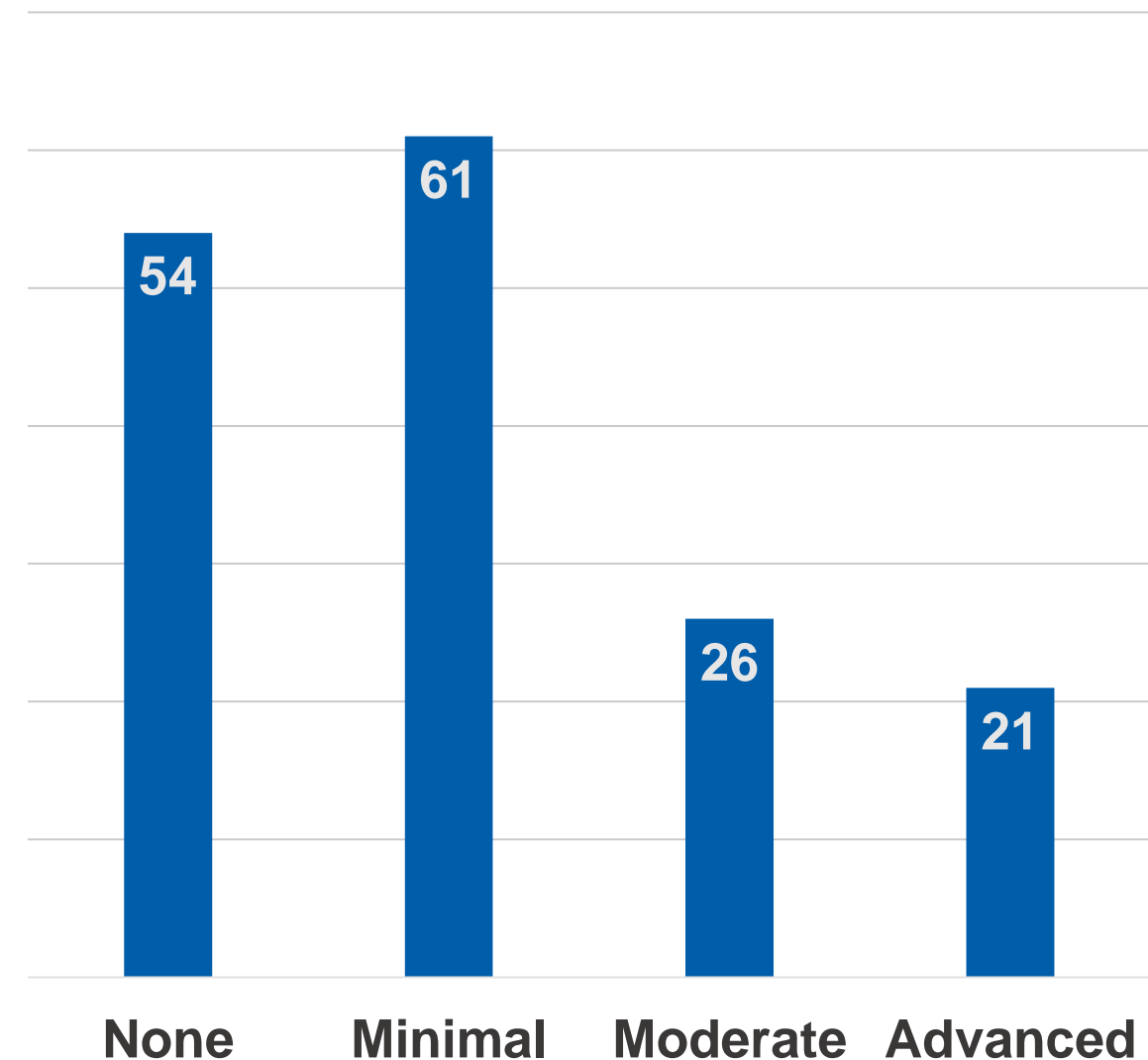
General Findings



- Broad spectrum for addressing equity in comprehensive plans
- Shared understanding of equity issues in the region
- Themes of “access” and “health”
- Recurring discussion of equity in parks, transportation, and housing elements
- Stronger equity content in Plans from more urbanized communities

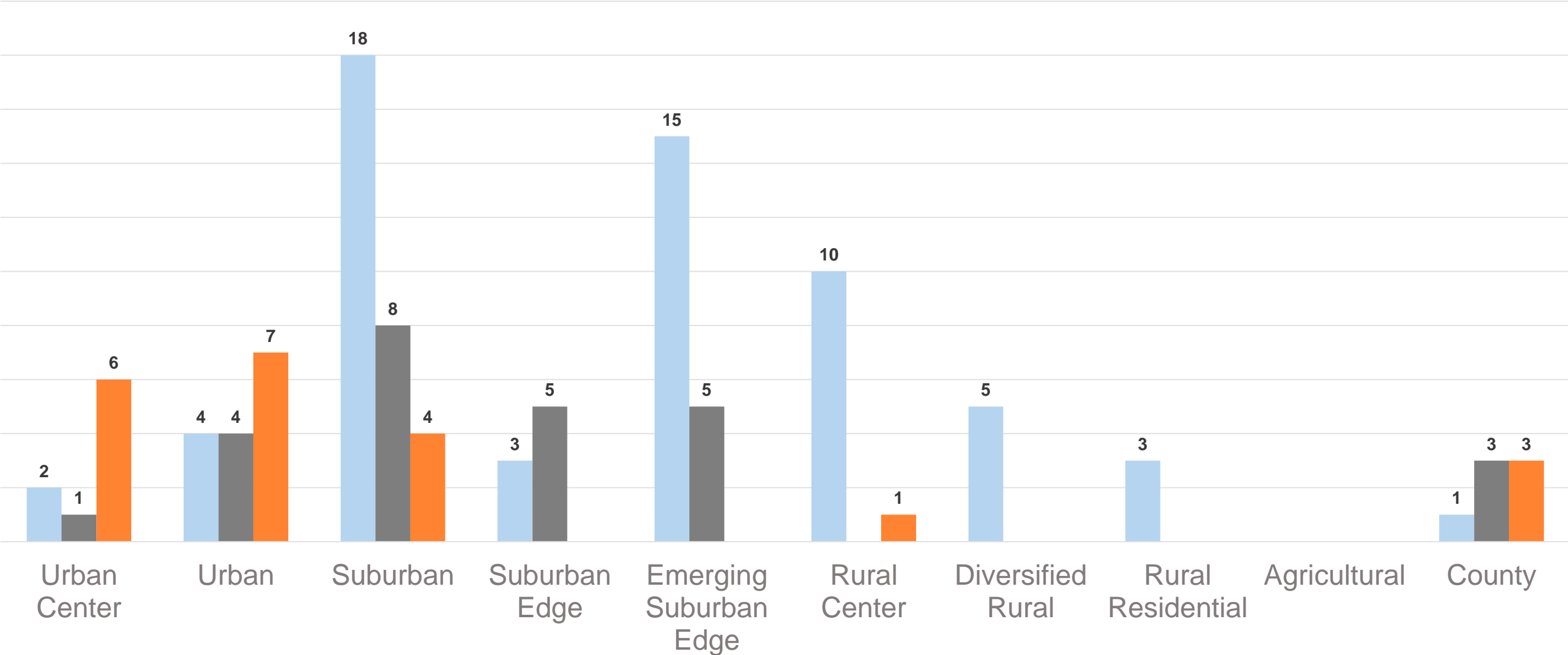
Criteria and Breakdown

Classification	Description
None	No equity terms
Minimal	Minimal use of equity terms
Moderate	Equity terms used in several plan elements, but not integrated throughout the entire Plan
Advanced	Equity terms used in multiple plan elements. May be stated as a guiding principle of the Plan and/or integrated into nearly all plan elements.



Breakdown by Community Designation

Minimal Moderate Advanced



Themes: Access and Health

Access

- General framework for equity content
- Applied in most plan elements

Health

- Health disparities
- Health equity
- Impact of policy on health



Where does equity show up?

Parks & Trails

- Connectivity
- Proximity and distribution
- Barriers to participation
- Changing and diverse needs

Transportation

- Multimodal transportation
- Health equity
- Accessibility
- Safety

Housing

- Housing affordability
- Housing supply diversity
- Local housing controls

Other Recurring Topics



- Advance equity in local processes
- Consider equity in emerging transportation technology
- Leverage data and tools

Standout Communities

Maplewood

- Four Guiding Principles: Equity, Resilience, Health, Age-Friendliness
- Icons to identify content throughout the Plan
- Acknowledges inequities and systemic racism



Standout Communities

Ramsey County

- Three Lenses: Health in All Policies, Resiliency, Racial Equity
- Equity in the parks system
- Racial equity toolkit



Standout Communities

Osseo

- Public health lens
- Social health and equity as a “health theme”
- Plan for the most vulnerable groups to improve outcomes for all

Planning for Healthy Generations:

OSSEO 2040



Standout Communities

St. Louis Park

- Strategic priority of Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Racial equity chapter
- Inclusive outreach and engagement
- Internal equity commitments



Discussion

Equity in Comp Plans

- Do you have examples of communities in your district that are planning for or implementing equity initiatives? How are they doing this?
- What challenges do your communities face when addressing equity? How can the Council provide support?

Next Steps

- Provide context for 2050 regional planning discussions
- Local Planning Stories
 - What stories are you interested in hearing?
 - Suggestions?

Discussion: Regional Vision

Equity in the Region's Vision and Values

- What are the Region's Values?
 - How do they relate to the Council's influence?
 - How do they relate to the work of our partners?
- What is the Region's Vision?
 - How do our values inform our vision?
 - How should the language be organized? How much detail is needed?
 - What are key interrelationships among issues?
- What are high-level outcomes we want to achieve?



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