

Information Item

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: May 18, 2022

Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision, and Goals

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.145
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Division/Department:	Community Development / Regional Planning

Background

The Values, Vision, and Goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide will ground the planning and policy development to follow. In recent conversations with staff, advisory groups, and Council Members around this work, we recognize that the words we use matter a great deal. They can help set a constructive tone, provide clarity of purpose to our work, and inspire action. Furthermore, they can also establish a chain of accountability so that our policies and strategies are developed (or adjusted) in service of the overall Vision and the people in the region.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 18, 2022, we are planning a workshop format with breakout groups to facilitate conversations that focus on regional values and what might be important components of a regional vision. You will have a chance to speak with your colleagues and develop statements for discussion around the following inter-related themes:

- Equitable, affordable, and welcoming
- High quality and resilient environment
- Vibrant places and destinations
- Accessible and interconnected
- Prosperous and healthy

Staff will briefly review some of the input you've previously heard, plus additional input that we have recently received from engagement with the Equity Advisory Committee, Regional Planning Advisory Group, Transportation Policy Plan Working Group, the Metropolitan Water Supply Advisory Committee, and others. In addition, we will share existing policy plan language that you may wish to consider carrying forward.

To assist with preparation for the discussion, please consider taking part in a short four question online survey prior to the meeting. A link to the survey will be sent separately via e-mail to Council Members. Your responses will be referenced by staff during the initial presentation, but you are encouraged to share or expound on them during the meeting. Please note that your responses to the survey are public information. Your complete written responses will be compiled in their entirety and shared with you after the meeting.

Thank you in advance and I very much look forward to our discussion.