

Information Item

Metropolitan Council Committee of the Whole



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Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide Values and Vision Draft Content

District(s), Member(s):	All
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Background

At the Council meeting on November 30, 2022, staff provided an overview of the approach for drafting a set of working regional values and vision statements for the 2050 Regional Development Guide. We originally were scheduled to review draft content on December 21, but our schedule got pushed back a cycle due to time constraints. Our revised timeline is as follows:

Council Review:

- Framework presentation: November 30, 2022
- Draft Regional Values and Vision: January 4, 2023
- Revised Regional Values and Vision: February 1, 2023

As discussed previously, we will ask the Council for consensus to use this working material for additional engagement, goal development, and policy work. The values and vision work may evolve over time; and it will be incorporated in its final form into the final 2050 Regional Development Guide that the Council adopts in late 2024.

The development of regional goals based on the regional vision will commence in February and be informed by future stakeholder engagement, including discussions with the Council. Staff anticipate sharing proposed goals for consideration by June 2023.

Regional Core Values

Values are core beliefs or principles that guide our work. For your consideration, we are presenting a set of four “core values” to inform the 2050 Regional Development Guide:

- Equity
- Leadership
- Accountability
- Stewardship

In the accompanying presentation, staff will propose an articulation of these values for discussion and feedback in small groups. The articulation of values is based on a shared structure intended to communicate clearly, succinctly, and consistently.

Cross-Cutting Regional Vision

Vision is what we want to achieve for the region. At the November 30 meeting, Council Members expressed support in identifying three significant and cross-cutting regional issues of equity, climate, and natural systems. Based on our discussion of a potential additional cross-cutting issue, we have identified “public health, safety, and wellbeing” as a fourth issue of regional significance.

- Equity
- Climate
- Natural Systems
- Public Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

For your consideration, staff are presenting a set of four proposed vision statements based on the four cross-cutting issues:

- Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming
- Our Region Leads on Climate Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience
- Our Region Protects and Restores Natural Systems
- Our Region’s Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant

In the accompanying presentation, staff will propose an articulation of these vision statements for discussion and feedback in small groups. The articulation of vision components is based on applying the following set of considerations that we reviewed with you previously. We look forward to the discussion and your feedback on this effort.

Regional Development Issues

- Growth management
- Housing needs
- Commerce & industry
- Parks and open space
- Water resources
- Other natural resources

Contextual Issues

- Accessibility and affordability
- Shared economic prosperity
- Public health, safety, and wellbeing
- Welcoming and inclusive

Regional System Considerations

- Transportation
- Wastewater
- Regional Parks

“Anchoring” Principles

- People
- Communities
- Places

At the February 1 Council meeting, we will share a report that documents the engagement to date. This report will demonstrate how the overall engagement has informed, is consistent with, or is reflected in the proposed working values and vision statement. We have had significant engagement, often with very detailed insights and ideas. Some of this input may fit better within the policy plans or function as goals and strategies. Consistent with our proposed regional core value of accountability, we will document how this input can and should inform future work.

