



# *Imagine 2050* Equity chapter update

Committee of the Whole



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# Goals for Today



## Topics

- Recap statutory direction and regional goal
- Recap Equity Framework
- Overview of equity chapter components
- Next steps

# Statute requires development guide <sup>(1)</sup>

## Metropolitan Land Planning Act (Minn. Stat. 473.145)

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...

# Statute requires development guide<sup>(2)</sup>

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... 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.** The comprehensive development guide shall recognize and encompass **physical, social, or economic needs 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.**



# Council value and Regional goal



## **Our region is equitable and inclusive.**

Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and every person feels welcome, included, and empowered.

*~ Final language endorsed  
January 2024*

# Equity Framework

## Grounding Concepts

### Contextualized

Ensures solutions are addressing a systemic inequity



### Community-Centered

We are working with the impacted population to co-create solutions



### Reparative

Creating solutions that are commensurate with what caused the inequity

*~ Endorsed September 2023*



# Equity chapter major components



## Equity Framework guides all work

- Environmental Justice Framework
- Community-Centered Engagement Framework
- Anti-Displacement Framework
- Commitments to the Land, Water, and People, co-created with the Native Advisory Council

# Next Steps



## Accountability and commitments

- Work with Research staff and community to discuss metrics.
- Continue engagement efforts; listen to community needs and reflect any new concepts or needs.
  - What are the Council's commitments to actions to repair harm and prevent further harm to disadvantaged communities?
  - How does the Council hold itself accountable to its equity commitments?
  - How is progress measured?
- Ongoing internal discussions to prepare for implementation.





Thank You!

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