



Art + Policy Update

Committee of the Whole

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To truly Imagine 2050, there is an opportunity to bring in the arts and artists to synthesize and amplify the Regional Development Guide's Vision, Values, Goals, and Policy Areas.

- Make policy playful and fun with creative practices and artistic expression
- Break down complex issues through continued arts-based engagement
- Produce art for policy, using our buildings, parks, infrastructure, fleets, and cities as the canvas

Art + Policy Project Scope

Phases

1. Regional Arts Exhibition

- Four artists create illustrations for regional display (bus & train wraps, park signs, public site posters, etc.)

2. Artist-Led Engagement

- Nine artists do pop-up engagement, any artistic medium

3. Council Engagement Tools

- Games, interactives, Social Pinpoint

4. Community Conversations

- Multi-part series focused on RDG goals and themes



Visual Artists: Rock Martinez and Kao Lee Thao



Visual Artists: Philipo Dyauli and Xena Goldman



Community Engagement Photos



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Metropolitan Council

Lebanon Hills Event



Peter Haakon Thompson



Corrin Wendell



Luis Fitch + Melodee Strong



Met Council Art Shanty 2025



Community Conversations



Multi-part Speaker Series (March 2025)

- Featuring thought leaders in conversation with artists
- Foster dialogue and connection in new ways
- Celebrate the launch and start of Imagine 2050 implementation
- Partner with arts and cultural institutions and others with a regional draw
- Events include:
 - **March 20, 2025:** Abundant Cities: Climate, Environment, and Connection at Walker Art Center
 - **March 22, 2025:** World Water Day Celebration at Malcolm Yards

Discussion



Questions

- How can this project support engagement in your community?
- How else can we collaborate?
- What are your ideas to engage artists in the Council's work?
- Do you see community-engaged public art continuing at the Council?



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