



# 2050 Regional Development Guide and Regional Parks Policy Plan Update

Community Development Committee



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## 2050 Regional Development Guide

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# Regional Values, Vision, and Goals

## Values

Values are core beliefs or principals that guide the work of the Council, our expectations of partnerships, and our policy and program development.

## Vision

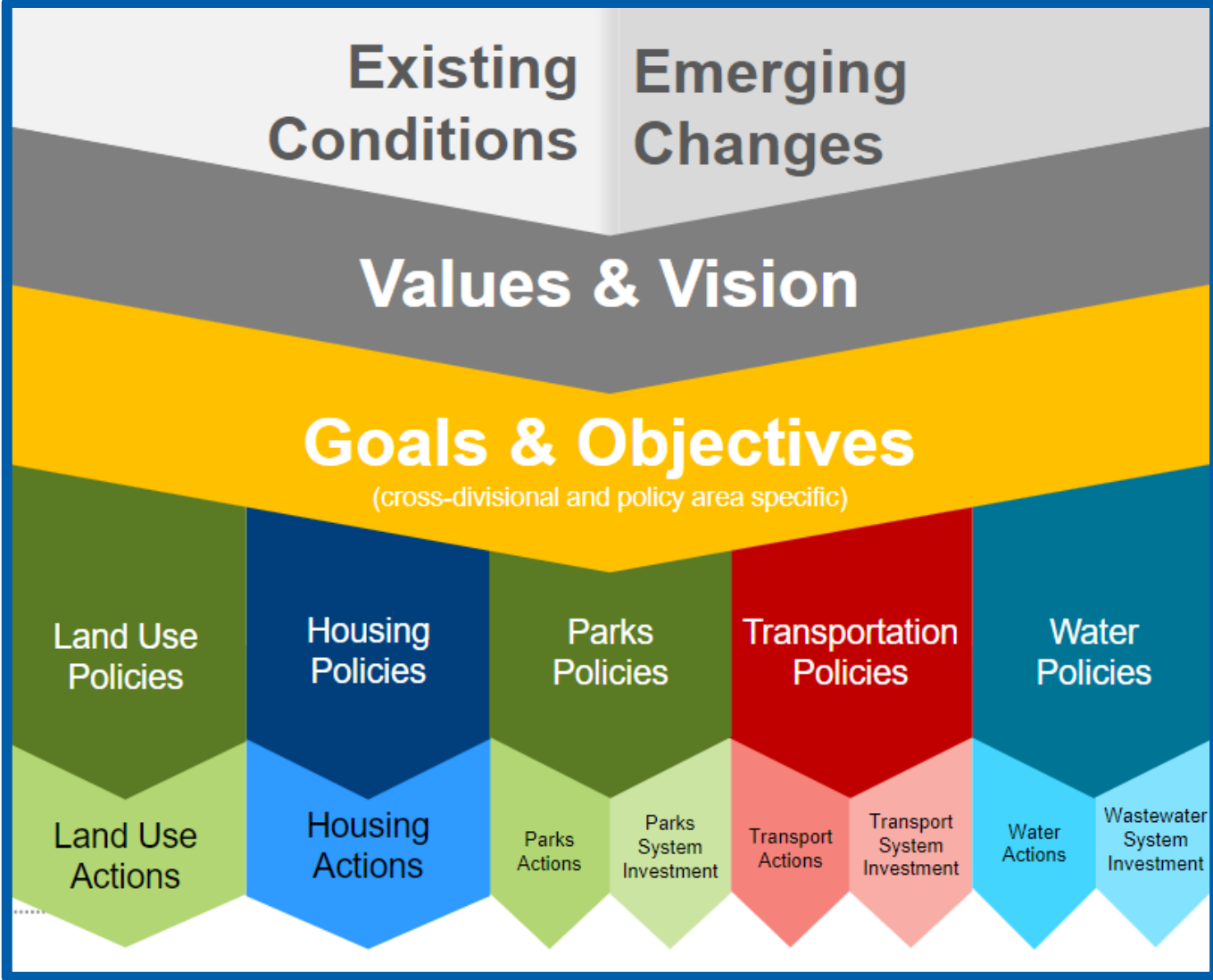
Our vision is what we want to achieve for the region through our policies, practices, programs, and partnerships.

## Goals

Our goals broadly describe the desired outcomes that we want to achieve for the region.

### Cross-Cutting Goals

Goals that require special collaboration across policy and work areas.



# Regional Core Values: Revised Short Form

## Equity

We value the people and communities of our region.

## Leadership

We value those in our region who inspire and motivate others for positive change.

## Accountability

We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes.

## Stewardship

We value our region's abundant resources.

# Regional Vision

## **Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming**

Our quality of life is high by national standards but not all communities share in this. We envision a future where inequities and injustices have been eliminated and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

## **Our Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant**

The wellbeing of our region depends on the strength and inclusiveness of our economy as well as the quality, safety, and reliability of our public infrastructure and services. We envision a future where all our region's residents can live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, agency, and wellbeing.

## **We Lead on Addressing Climate Change**

Our region leads on the critical issue of climate change. We envision a future where we have eliminated or mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient.

## **We Protect and Restore Natural Systems**

Our region has world class parks and abundant natural resources. We envision a future where natural systems are increasingly protected, integrated, and restored to ensure a high quality of life for our growing region.

# Parks Policy Plan - Project Summary



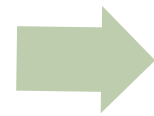
- Background
- Initial engagement
  - Implementing Agencies
  - Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
  - Community groups
- Council Communications-led audience analysis
- Begin convening initial workgroups

# Parks Policy Plan - Project Timeline

## Initiation

2022 Quarter 4 –  
2023 Quarter 2

- Scoping
- Existing conditions
- Draft vision / mission / values
- Draft engagement plan



## Planning

2023 Quarter 2 –  
2023 Quarter 4

- Council-Agency sub-groups
- Policy development



## Execution

2023 Quarter 4 –  
2024 Quarter 2

- Plan development
- Draft (~60%) plan complete (~3/31/24)



## Close

2024 Quarter 2 –  
2024 Quarter 4

- Final draft (~90%) plan complete (~9/30/24)
- Public comment period
- Public hearing
- Plan refinement
- Council approval (~12/31/24)

Coordination with the Regional Development Guide Process

Ongoing Engagement: Council Boards, Implementing Agencies, Targeted Communities, Broad Public, Partner Agencies

# Parks - Proposed Approach

## Initial Council-Agency workgroups

1. Community **Engagement**
2. Regional Parks and Trails System **Vision, Mission and Values**
3. Strategic, Sustainable **Funding**
4. Recreation **Activities** and Facilities
5. Park and Trail **Plan Requirements**, incl. Equity Analysis Requirement
6. **System Plan** Considerations, incl. Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
7. **Regional Trails** and Regional Bicycle Transportation Network

2023 Q1-  
2023 Q2

2023 Q3 -  
2024 Q1





# Parks - Developing an Engagement Plan



Goal: Develop a community, stakeholder and public engagement plan for the Regional Parks Policy Plan update that is transparent

Status: Council Parks and Communications staff conducted an audience/stakeholder analysis, started to draft a project engagement plan, and conduct some initial engagement.

Proposed Next Steps: Council-Agency workgroup convenes twice to develop a set of options for consideration by Council-Agency (directors) partnership in May or June.

# Developing Vision, Mission, and Values

Goal: Develop vision and mission statements and a set of values for the Regional Parks and Trails System, to guide policy plan development.

Status: Initial staff, partner, stakeholder and community engagement held, and basic staff analysis conducted. Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission re-engaged on April 6, 2023.

Proposed Next Steps: Council-Agency workgroup convenes twice to develop a set of options for consideration by Council-Agency (directors) partnership in May or June.



# Parks Process - Next Steps

- April and May: Council-Agency Vision, Mission, Values and Engagement workgroup meetings
- May: Council-Implementing Agency Partner meeting
- June: Potentially reconvene Vision, Mission, Values workgroups
- June or July: Return to MPOSC and CDC
- June or July: Launch additional workgroups
- March 2024: 60% Draft parks policy plan prepared
- July 2024: 90% Draft parks policy plan prepared



# Questions, Discussion

- What are your questions about what you've heard so far?
- Do you have policy-level guidance or advice to share with Council staff and the work groups getting underway?





Thank  
you

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