Regional Planning Recap

Where we have been

✓ Endorsed regional vision and values
✓ Identified five regional goals
✓ Completed the Young Leaders Collaboration
✓ Initiated a Regional Policy Collaboration focused on land use
✓ Selected title for the RDG: Imagine 2050
✓ Drafted land use objectives

Where we are going

➢ Extensive engagement across all technical areas continues, more intentional engagement with underserved communities
➢ Initiate discussion with stakeholders on land use objectives
➢ Iterative revisions to land use objectives
➢ Draft land use policies and actions
Planning for Regional Growth

What is the role of land use in the 2050 Regional Development Guide?

• Guide growth in the region to achieve the regional vision
• Support orderly and economical development
• Set requirements for local comprehensive planning
Policy Development Process

Issue Exploration
- Define Values
- Assess drivers of change
- Refine Community Designations
- Identify Vision and Goals
- Choose alternate futures to explore

Data Gathering and Analysis
- Define metrics, model scenarios
- Develop strategies for each future
- Identify opportunities and challenges for each future

Policy Development
- Define outcomes
- Apply findings
- Draft policies

Stakeholder Engagement Throughout the Process
Stakeholders

Government and private sector partners: Historic and ongoing collaborators

- Elected & Appointed Officials
- Local Staff
- Private sector
- Nonprofits
- Minnesota & Federal

Residents and advocates: Extensive and equity-focused conversations

- Historically excluded communities
- Residents using Met Council services
- Youth
- New Minnesotans
- Advocates
Government and Private Sector Partners: Historic and ongoing collaborators

**Elected & Appointed**
- Council Members
- Council commissions, advisory boards, and work groups
- Imagine 2050 policy-specific virtual and in-person engagement

**Private Sector**
- Affordable housing developers
- Metro Cities
- Economic equity organizations
- Regional economic development organizations

**Local Staff**
- Water: Water suppliers, subregional groups, watershed districts, municipal wastewater operators
- Parks: Agency directors, planners, outreach, natural resources staff
- Land use: Local planners engagement, ongoing sector rep engagement
- Housing: Affordability survey; planner focus groups
- Transportation: Counties, transit providers, cities/townships

**Local staff**
- Policy advisory groups specific to Imagine 2050 process by policy area
- Topic-specific consultation groups (agriculture, climate, housing, economic development)
- Staff analysis of government planning documents submitted to Council

**Minnesota and Federal**
- MN-Dot; federal highway administration; MN Freight Advisory Committee
- Tribal Nations Consultations
- State agencies and Governor’s Commissions
Residents and advocates: Extensive and equity-focused conversations

Historically excluded communities
- Black, Brown, Indigenous affinity staff and community members
- Disabled advocacy staff and community members
- Residents experiencing poverty and housing insecurity

Residents using Council services
- Housing Voucher Recipients
- Metro Transit, Metro Mobility
- Park and trail visitors

Youth
- Young Leaders Collaboration
- Transportation needs research
- Specialized topic engagement

New Minnesotans
- Affinity groups
- Young Leaders Collaboration
- East African, Hmong, Latino, and multicultural affinity staff and community members

Advocates
- Climate
- Aging, disability and social service
- Neighborhood organizations
Terms & Definitions

**Values**
Core beliefs or principles that guide the work of the Council.

**Vision**
Overarching description of what we want to achieve for the region.

**Goals**
Broad directional statements that more specifically describe the desired end states for the region.

**Objectives**
Achievable results that advance each regional goal.
Regional Values

**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 Goals

Working Draft of Regional Goals

Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive
Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

Our Communities are Healthy and Safe
All our region’s residents live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, dignity, and wellbeing.

Our Region is Dynamic and Resilient
Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and the economy including issues of choice, accessibility, and affordability.

We Lead on Addressing Climate Change
We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient to climate impacts.

We Protect and Restore Natural Systems
We protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to protect habitat and ensure a high quality of life for our region.
Land use objectives should...

- Address key land use and regional growth issues
- Impact more than one regional goal
- Set the stage for policy development
- Complement objectives in other policy areas
DRAFT Land Use Objective #1

Minimize the amount of land needed to accommodate regional growth.

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KEY

- Primary
- Secondary
Maximize the development of places accessible for people by transit, bicycling, rolling, and walking.
DRAFT Land Use Objective #3

Design places where all people feel safe and connected.

- Equitable & Inclusive Region
- Healthy & Safe Communities
- Dynamic & Resilient Region
- Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience
- Natural System Protection & Restoration

KEY
- Primary
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Maximize the preservation and restoration of natural systems at all scales of development.

Equitable & Inclusive Region

Healthy & Safe Communities

Dynamic & Resilient Region

Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience

Natural System Protection & Restoration

KEY

Primary

Secondary
Maximize housing choice within communities.

- Equitable & Inclusive Region
- Healthy & Safe Communities
- Dynamic & Resilient Region
- Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience
- Natural System Protection & Restoration

**KEY**
- Primary
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Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

- Equitable & Inclusive Region
- Healthy & Safe Communities
- Dynamic & Resilient Region
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- Natural System Protection & Restoration

**KEY**
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DRAFT Land Use Objective #7

Prioritize land use and development patterns that strengthen local climate resilience.

Equitable & Inclusive Region

- Healthy & Safe Communities
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Discussion

When it comes to land use and guiding the growth of the region:

- Do the proposed objectives advance those regional goals?
- Are the objectives clear in their intent?
- Are any objectives that would advance regional goals missing?
Future engagement efforts and initiatives

Technical advisory groups working with engagement data

Local government engagement:
One-on-ones, rural engagement with food producers, topic-based focus groups

Study results:
Water Values Survey, Transportation Needs in Everyday Life, Parks Historical Cultural Study, Housing analysis of developers’ perspectives

Population forecasts engagement

Second regional land use cohort expands beyond youth

Arts in Policy Planning, “Creatively Imagine 2050”
Next Steps

Ongoing and upcoming:

• Review feedback from stakeholders and make revisions
• Continue to engage stakeholders and integrate engagement findings
• Continue cross divisional coordination
• Discuss density policy considerations
• Draft land use policies and supporting actions for discussion with LUAC, CDC, and stakeholders
• Develop recommendations for land use policies and actions with stakeholders
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