

Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: March 20, 2023

Topic

Planning for Regional Growth.

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat § 473.143
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Background

The Council and its staff have been preparing for the 2050 regional development guide process for several years. Working drafts of regional values and a regional vision were endorsed by the Council on February 2, 2023. The Council, its committees, and stakeholders across the region will begin delving deeper into policy explorations and discussions about what it might take to achieve the regional vision.

At the Community Development Committee meeting on March 20, 2023, there will be a brief review of the work that's been done to prepare for the regional development guide process. The next steps include an exploration of how to meaningfully address drivers of change in regional policy and an analysis of the opportunities and challenges of significant cross-cutting issues under different growth scenarios. Staff will also discuss the approach to policy development through alignment with the Council's commitment to the regional vision.

This presentation sets the stage for upcoming discussions with the Committee on regional forecasts, scenario planning, and a more in-depth exploration of opportunities and challenges in April.

Council staff look forward to discussing this information item and are available for questions before the meeting, if preferred.