Today’s Discussion

- Set the stage
- *Thrive MSP 2040* comparison
- Review draft policies and actions for three land use objectives
- Discussion and Next steps
Regional Plan Elements

**Values**
Values are core beliefs or principles that guide the work of the Met 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 will broadly describe the desired end states that we want to achieve for the region.

**Objectives**
For each area of Met Council responsibility, achievable results that advance each regional goal.

**Policies**
Statement of the Met Council's intent and approach to regional issues or topics, independently and in its roles with partners.

**Actions**
Specific strategies or activities to implement policies and achieve goals.
Reflect for discussion

Questions to consider:

• Are new approaches to policies going in the right direction?
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• Are there existing approaches that shouldn’t be carried forward?
Comparison: *Thrive MSP 2040 & Imagine 2050*
## Comparison of land use direction

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Comparison of land use direction

**Housing**
- Ensure that in all types of communities, people find housing opportunities that align with their needs.

**Equitable Development**
- Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

**Climate Resilience**
- Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.

**Economic Wellbeing**
- Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

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**Imagine 2050**
- Promote housing options to give people in all life stages and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable, and affordable homes.

**Thrive MSP 2040**
- No Thrive MSP 2040 equivalent.

- Promote sensitive land use and development patterns to achieve Minnesota’s adopted greenhouse gas emissions goals at the regional scale, and to develop local resiliency to the impacts of climate change.

- Foster connected land use options to provide businesses and industries with access to materials, markets, and talent.
Comparison of themes and policies

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Comparison of themes and policies

**Growth**
- Maximize infrastructure investment
- Promote compact development
- Direct growth where infrastructure already exists
- Accommodate growth within the existing MUSA boundary
- Reduce outward development pressures in rural and natural resource areas
- Protect agricultural and rural areas from urbanization
- Encourage redevelopment, infill, and adaptive reuse

**Density**
- Density expectations are based on community designations, with additional expectations near transit station areas
- Rural Service Areas meet maximum allowable densities
- Establish minimum density requirements by Community Designation

**Natural systems**
- Direct growth away from sensitive ecosystems to protect natural systems
- Prevent groundwater contamination from development
- Adopt regional guidelines to protect priority waters and aquifers and restore water quality as part of development
- Local Water Supply Plans demonstrate availability of clean, safe drinking water where accommodating forecasted growth
Draft land use objectives

1. Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

2. Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

3. People live in vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities.

4. Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.

5. People in all types of communities have housing opportunities that align with their needs.

6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

7. Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.

8. Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.
Draft Land Use Objective #1 with Policies and Actions
#1 Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

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**KEY**
- **Primary**
- **Secondary**
Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

**Policy 1**
Incorporate indigenous approaches, values, and practices in management of land and water sources.

- Adopt regional land management guidelines co-created with indigenous community partners.
- Establish a Native Partnership Council.

**Policy 2**
Minimize the amount of land needed to accommodate regional growth and reduce the cost of infrastructure expansion and service improvements through orderly and economical growth.

- Promote compact development
- Plan for a 20-year rolling land supply
- New connections to the regional system meet the community designation’s minimum density
- Requests for MUSA expansions within already served communities are consistent with density at the development scale and reviewed against the need for additional land to accommodate forecasted growth.
- Maximize infrastructure investments.
- Local plans must identify forecasted growth and land supply by decade.
- Set development expectations by Community Designation
- Encourage orderly annexation agreement
Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

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<td>Protect water from development; restore water quality as part of development.</td>
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Draft Land Use Objective #3 with Policies and Actions
#3 Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

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### Purpose and Desired Outcomes

- **Promote a sense of belonging and ownership of community**
- **Foster community connection**
- **Encourage the creation of spaces to gather, interact, and connect**
Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

**Policy 1**
Prioritize planning practices that support mixed-use development, walkable neighborhoods, & easy access to public transportation.
- Human-scale experience
- Parking requirements
- Form-based codes
- Holistic infrastructure design review process
- Complete Streets
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

**Policy 2**
Plan and maintain public spaces for community gatherings.
- Placemaking initiatives
- Free and accessible public gathering spaces
- Public spaces have access to water, restrooms, transit, parking
- Culturally significant design elements
- Public art installations

**Policy 3**
Prioritize and plan for creation and preservation of green public spaces in urban areas.
- Neighborhood scale public open spaces
- Underutilized land or buildings for green infrastructure
- Preservation and integration of green spaces in development
- Community-based urban agriculture initiatives
Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

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<td>Protect historic and cultural assets.</td>
<td>Incorporate inclusive design principles that consider the needs of all community members including various cultural backgrounds, age groups, languages, and gender identities.</td>
<td>Integrate sustainable water management strategies into the design of vibrant public spaces.</td>
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<td>Utilize public and private partnerships to implement projects, to enhance context sensitive design and foster community identity.</td>
<td>Identify, protect, and preserve historic and cultural assets.</td>
<td>Developments fully meet the needs of people with disabilities.</td>
<td>Incorporate water conservation practices such as wastewater and stormwater reuse, and low-impact development practices when designing public spaces.</td>
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<td>Support the long-term affordability and stability of gentrifying neighborhoods.</td>
<td>Adopt culturally expansive ordinances to protect historic and cultural assets.</td>
<td>Collaborate with educational institutions</td>
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Draft Land Use Objective #6 with Policies and Actions
Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

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### Purpose and Desired Outcomes

- **Acknowledge our role in creating and perpetuating racial disparities**
- **Center the voices of marginalized and underrepresented communities**
- **Eliminate racial disparities and inequities**
- **Repair harm to communities of color and indigenous communities**
Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

**Policy 1**

Take ownership of past harms, provide transparent communication, and hold governments accountable to plans and actions.

- Equitable land use technical assistance.
- Share progress toward equity goals.
- Decision-making tools for capital projects.
- Acknowledge disparities and identify strategies to address them.
- Partner with Just Deeds.
- Evaluate programs, policies, and procedures.

**Policy 2**

Prioritize engagement and collaborate with underrepresented populations to develop plans, policies, and programs responsive to and reflective of community needs.

- Expand representation on committees.
- Build new partnerships; focus on trust.
- Build community capacity to engage successfully with governments.
- Identify and eliminate barriers to engagement.
- Conduct culturally responsive and inclusive engagement.
- Reimburse community members for their time and expertise.
Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

**Policy 3**

Promote equitable distribution of public investments to benefit communities disproportionately harmed by past and present planning practices and to eliminate racial disparities and discrimination.

- Restore community connections negatively impacted by investment decisions.
- Establish a reparative actions fund to finance mitigation for past harms.
- Apply the Anti-Displacement Framework to Council investments and policies.
- Create tools to identify how projects benefit or harm different communities.

**Policy 4**

Center the native experience in decision-making and implement the actions included the Council’s acknowledgment statement that all land in this region is Dakota land.

- Engage in Tribal consultation.
- Partner with urban Indian organizations and community members.
- Update Council’s procedures for tribal consultation and native community engagement.
Discussion

Questions to consider:

• Are new approaches to policies going in the right direction?

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• Are there current approaches that shouldn’t be carried forward?
Next Steps

Ongoing work for Q2
60% draft release

• Continue soliciting feedback on draft language.
• Review draft language against equity and environmental justice frameworks.
• Continue engagement with local governments and community organizations.
• Continue revising language; balance feedback of underrepresented communities to ensure equal voice.
Questions

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