



Draft 2050 Land Use Policies and Actions

Community Development Committee



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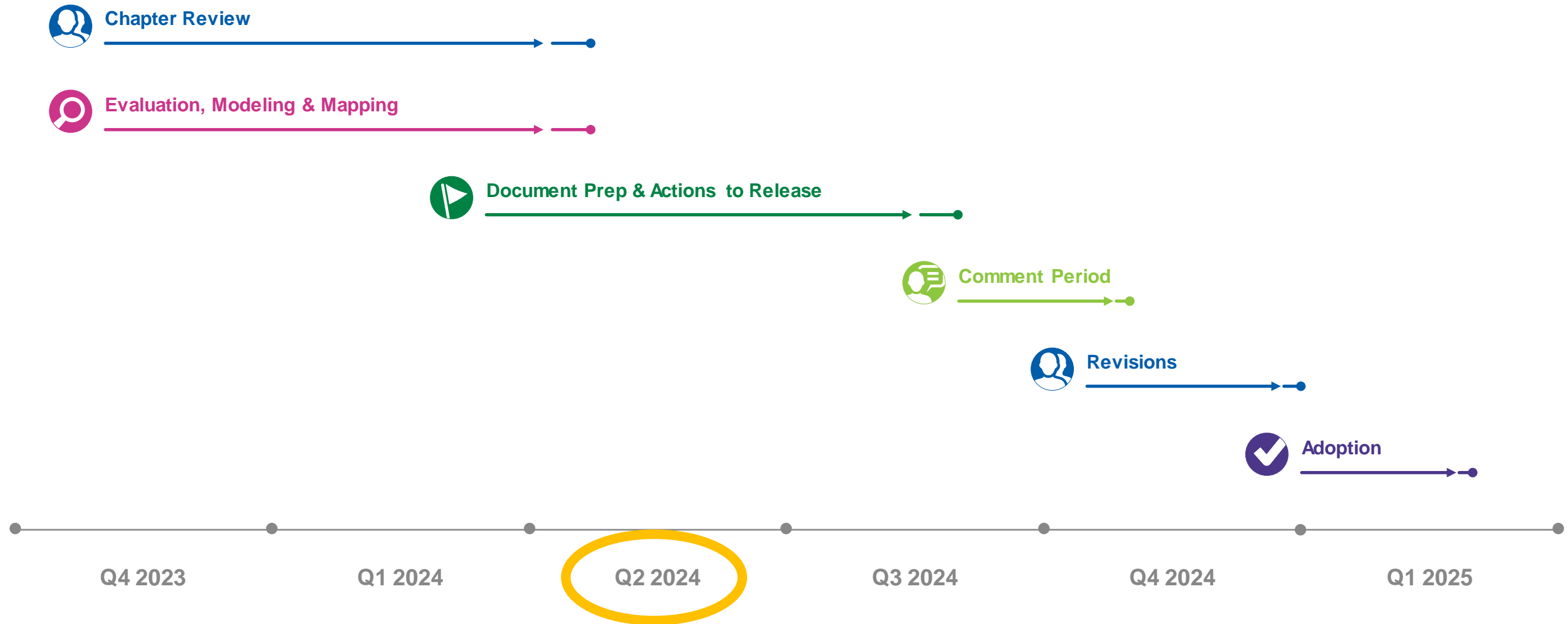
Agenda



Today's Discussion

- Brief recap
- Review and discuss draft policies and actions for Objective 3
- Review and discuss draft policies and actions for Objective 6
- Next steps

Timelines



Regional Plan Elements

Values 1

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 2

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

Goals 3

Our goals will broadly describe the desired end states that we want to achieve for the region.

4 Objectives

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

5 Policies

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

6 Actions

Specific strategies or activities to implement policies and achieve goals.

Regional Plan Status

Values 1
Equity
Leadership
Accountability
Stewardship

Vision 2
A prosperous, equitable, and resilient region with abundant opportunities for all to live, work, play, and thrive.

Goals 3
Our region is **equitable and inclusive**.
Our communities are **healthy and safe**.
Our region is **dynamic and resilient**.
We lead on addressing **climate change**.
We protect and restore **natural systems**.

4 Objectives
Eight draft land use objectives reviewed, January – February 2024.

5 Policies
Draft policies under review concurrent with actions, March – May 2024

6 Actions
Draft actions under review concurrent with policies, March – May 2024

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.

Land Use Objective #3 Policies and Actions



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.

Policy 4

Center community engagement in the planning process to build community trust and ownership.

Utilize public and private partnerships to implement projects, to enhance context sensitive design and foster community identity.

Support the long-term affordability and stability of gentrifying neighborhoods.

Policy 5

Protect historic and cultural assets.

Identify, protect, and preserve historic and cultural assets.

Adopt culturally expansive ordinances to protect historic and cultural assets.

Provide technical assistance on culturally expansive historic preservation practices.

Policy 6

Incorporate inclusive design principles that consider the needs of all community members including various cultural backgrounds, age groups, languages, and gender identities.

Developments fully meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Collaborate with educational institutions

Safe Routes to Schools integrated into planning; optimize land use around educational institutions

Policy 7

Integrate sustainable water management strategies into the design of vibrant public spaces.

Incorporate water conservation practices such as wastewater and stormwater reuse, and low-impact development practices when designing public spaces.

Discussion



Questions to consider:

- Are new approaches to policies going in the right direction?
- Are there concerns about existing approaches or lack of new approaches in any areas?
- Are there current approaches that shouldn't be carried forward?

Land Use Objective #6 Policies and Actions



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.

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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 voices are heard equitably.





Questions

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