



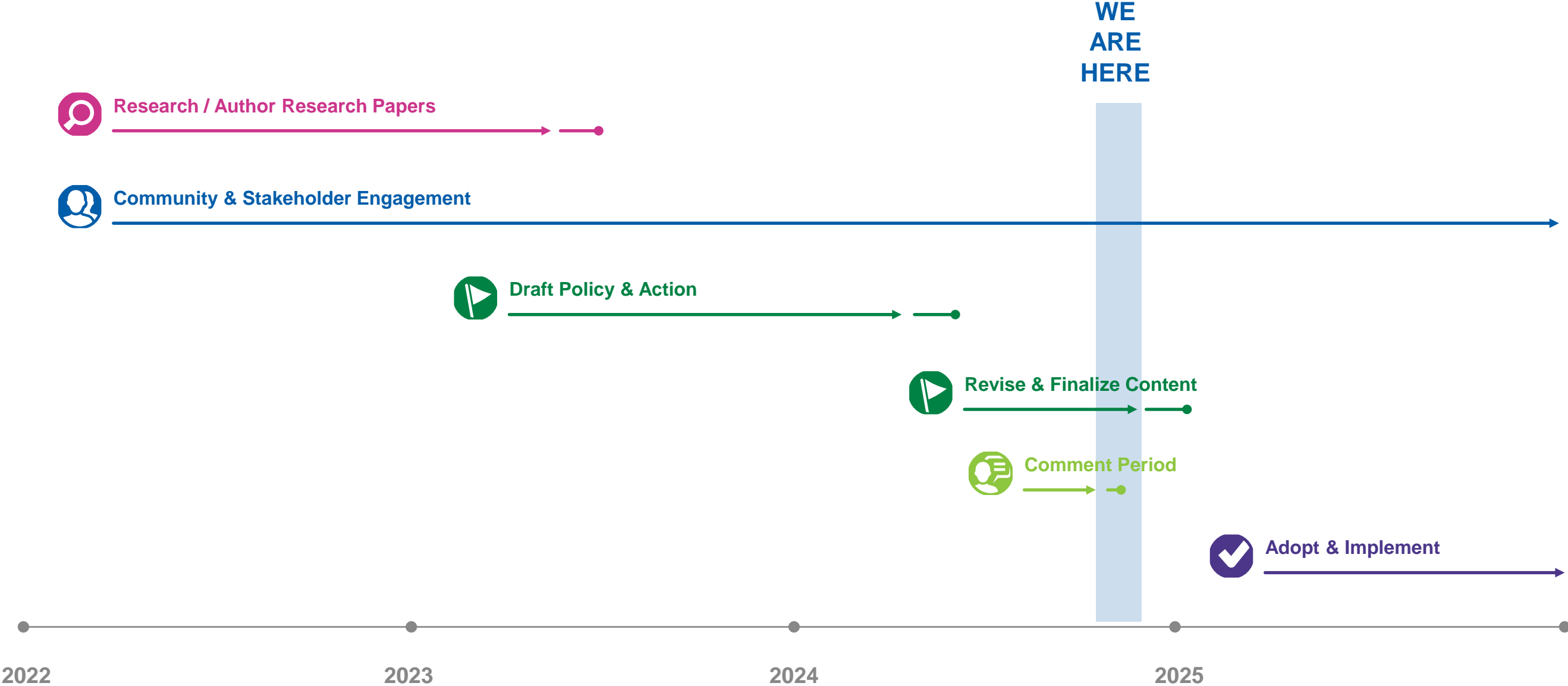
# Vision, Values, Goals Public Comments

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# Plan Timeline



# OCTOBER

# NOVEMBER

# DECEMBER

# JANUARY

# FEBRUARY

**11/8** Housing Work Group considers comments

**11/20** RDG Work Group considers RDG & Land Use comments

**11/7** MPOSC considers Parks comments

**11/18** CDC considers Parks comments

**11/6** TAC reviews TPP

**11/14** TAC Planning reviews TPP

**11/20** TAB reviews TPP

**10/23** MAWSAC considers public comments on MWSP

**11/13** MC update on public comment process

**12/2** CDC considers Housing comments

**12/2** CDC considers RDG & Land Use comments

**12/5** MPOSC continued (if needed)

**12/4** TAC reviews TPP

**12/9** TC reviews TPP

**12/10** EC considers public comments

**12/11** MAWSAC approves MWSP

**12/18** COW update on local forecasts

**1/21** CDC recommends Housing adoption

**1/21** CDC recommends RDG & Land Use adoption

**1/9** MPOSC recommends Parks adoption

**1/21** CDC recommends Parks adoption

**1/15** TAB recommends TPP adoption

**1/27** TC recommends TPP adoption

**1/21** EC recommends WPP

**2/12** Council adopts Imagine 2050

# Imagine 2050 Public Comment Period



- Public comments for Imagine 2050 (all policy areas) were accepted from **August 15 to October 7**.
- Overall received more than 1,200 comments from approximately 500 organizations and individuals.
  - 270 comments on Imagine 2050 Vision, Values, Goals
  - Topics include (positive, neutral, negative):
    - Goal areas: mostly on equity, climate, and natural systems
    - Overall engagement and collaboration
    - Length and organization of the document



# Themes



## Vision, Values, Goals

- Generally supportive of the regional vision, values, and goals – comments on whether vision, values, and goals resonated with them and their lived experiences.
- Residents wanted to make sure that the needs of disabled people, elders, and youth were served by 2050 policies.
- Overwhelming support for climate change mitigation from the Council.
- Residents want the region to be accessible to people with disabilities and in compliance with ADA requirements.
- Some thought the range of areas covered by the document was too broad or did not see the connection to the Council’s work
- Suggestion to celebrate the successes of the region and the things that make this region great
- Appreciation for the planning process, collaboration with Council staff during the planning process
- Comments regarding implementation: important partners, needs for funding, and topics for technical assistance

# Overall Goals, Vision, Values

“We are encouraged to see the draft Imagine 2050 clearly emphasizes the cross-functional work of natural systems, public health, safety, climate change, equity, and well-being. The Metropolitan Council's values are aligned with the County's recently adopted core values of caring, collaborative, equitable, ethical, fiscally responsible, responsive, and sustainable.”  
(Government)

“We appreciate the four core values of stewardship, accountability, leadership, and equity. One area to highlight further within these values is partnerships and the collaboration needed to achieve the goals of the plan. Partnerships with other agencies, utilities, community members, etc.” (Organization)

“That they hinge upon each other to be successfully implemented. For example: yes, we must protect and restore natural systems and yes, we must ensure our region is equitable and inclusive. Efforts made to accomplish each goal also need to address other goals. We need to consider the equity and inclusiveness of which natural systems we protect and restore.”  
(Resident)

“In general, the statements made in the Vision, Values, and Goals Chapter does not meaningfully reflect the actual vibrant region that we are very fortunate to live in. Our region thrives with quality transportation, robust recreation and a strong economic base. Those qualities should be the foundation of this plan and for the future growth and development of the region.”  
(Government)

# Engagement & Collaboration

“The Medina City Council appreciates the significant time and effort that Metropolitan Council staff has spent collaborating with City staff through various working groups and focus groups in preparation of drafting Imagine 2050 and the efforts put into drafting such substantial documents. Continued collaboration is imperative to ensure that planning and implementation serves the interests of City residents.”  
(Government)

“We are excited to continue seeing the efforts put forth by the Metropolitan Council as they create more opportunities for input from community members, stakeholders, and organizations that work directly with the communities the Imagine 2050 plan prioritizes. We appreciate the opportunity to provide insight and comment on key issues affecting frontline, and metro communities across the state of Minnesota.”  
(Organization)

“The county is appreciative of the opportunity for elected officials and staff to participate in the development of each individual policy plan. Washington County looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Metropolitan Council as well as the region to implement policies and guidelines to build a stronger region.”  
(Government)

“I would also like to recognize and thank our Sector Representative, MacKenzie Young-Walters, for his communication and willingness to answer questions and discuss our concerns throughout the Imagine 2050 review and comment period.”  
(Government)



# Overall Revisions Proposed



## Across all areas

- Housekeeping corrections – e.g. typos, grammar, punctuation, footnotes
- Review of goal areas for opportunities to provide structural consistency among the goals
- Updates to charts and figures
  - Some data updates
  - Visual consistency
- Other minor changes responding to specific comments, clarifications, or corrections



# Proposed Areas for Revision



## Landscape of the Region

- Add the full Land Acknowledgement language
- Add introductory language expanding upon the successes and great things about the Twin Cities Region, including language exemplifying the success of regional collaboration
- Expand upon widespread impacts of COVID-19 across all populations
- Update the local forecasts section – dependent on changes to local forecasts and community designations
- Add discussion on planning for the aging population and for people living with disabilities

# Proposed Areas for Revision



## Intro & Regional Vision, Values, Goals sections

- Include language around the intersectional nature of the goals
- Expand upon how the goals are interwoven through the policy chapters
- Include explanation about the relationship between these goals and how they guide the Council's work as well as provide direction or encouragement to others in the region



# Proposed Areas for Revision



## Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive

- More clearly connect inequities of the past to present-day practices
- Add an example of the application of the Community-Centered Engagement Framework
- Update the Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment and Council Commitments to Act section based on recommendations from the American Indian Advisory Council



# Proposed Areas for Revision



## We Lead on Addressing Climate Change

- Streamline the current emissions reporting section
- Update language depending on the allocation of Transportation emissions from MnDOT

## We Protect and Restore Natural Systems

- Add language regarding state shoreland rules and other existing water protective state-level rules that we may have missed



# Next Steps



- December – January:
  - Prepare public comment report
  - Finalize proposed revisions to the plan
- January 21, 2025: Community Development Committee: Draft final Regional Development Guide and public comment report (business item)
- February 12, 2025: Metropolitan Council adoption of Imagine 2050

# Sample Public Comment Report

Commenter ID	Relation	Name
84.0	Resident	Cecere, Dominic
85.0	Resident	Croatt, DeAnn
86.0	Resident	Deihl, Kiffin
87.0	Resident	Duklet, Claire
88.0	Resident	Eller, Brad
89.0	Resident	England, JJ
90.0	Resident	Fahey, Leigha
91.0	Resident	Fors, Marie
92.0	Resident	Frykman, Angie
93.0	Resident	Garretson, Lisa
94.0	Resident	Gjerdr, Angie
95.0	Resident	Goldade, Maggie
96.0	Resident	Goodman, Mark
97.0	Resident	Griffith, Rachel
98.0	Resident	Hallet, Christine
99.0	Resident	Helgestad, Pauline
100.0	Resident	Illies, Dana
101.0	Resident	Jaspersen, Emily
102.0	Resident	Jennifer
103.0	Resident	Julie
104.0	Resident	Kottke, Thomas
105.0	Resident	Labelle, Stephanie
106.0	Resident	Lee, Greg
107.0	Resident	Leiter, Bethany
108.0	Resident	Maruska, JoAnne
109.0	Resident	Melby, Jason
	Resident	Moore, Jen

ID	Comment Theme	Commenters	Comment Summary	Comment Response
17.0	Engagement Process - Support	156.0	How the Met Council can continue to support and engage us in the parks planning processes? We envision the Council creating something that is sustainable for BIPOC individuals and organizations, with groups like ours and others throughout our community.	The Metropolitan Council's engagement work seeks to continuously improve how it expands its networks. Creating meaningful and sustainable relationships is important and is something the Council is trying to reimagine. Thank you for the suggestion.
18.0	Equity Initiatives - Oppose	28.0, 31.0	"Parks are not able to discriminate against people, so the vision to make parks equitable is actually a discriminatory statement itself." Suggests using language that says our parks are for the people of Minneapolis and surrounding areas as well as drawing visitors to our city and state once again.	Equity is one of the five desired outcomes in <i>Thrive MSP 2040</i> , the policy foundation currently used by the Metropolitan Council to develop its regional systems and policy plans. By prioritizing equity, the Regional Parks System elevates underserved populations and intentionally works to build more equitable policies and investments.
19.0	Equity Initiatives - Oppose	158.0, 169.0	As residents of North Minneapolis, we should not feel limited to visiting one or two specific Regional Parks nearest to us: we need to feel comfortable and welcome at any park in the state. In order to do this, parks and governing bodies need to hire BIPOC Black instructors, Black decision makers, and Black directors. Who knows and understands the parks, forest, or greenery better than those who originally birthed it, cared for it, and nurtured it...our Indigenous neighbors.	Thank you for sharing your belief that all residents of the region should feel comfortable and welcome at regional parks and trails across the system and voicing support for hiring staff that are reflective of the demographic makeup of the region. Metropolitan Council staff will share the advice about the importance of hiring staff to better reflect the region's residents with regional park implementing agencies.



# Questions, Discussion

- Do the themes and comments resonate? Any surprises?
- What are your questions about the proposed revisions to the plan?
- Other areas of advice?







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