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Corridors of Opportunity Progress Report

Community Development Committee
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Today's Agenda

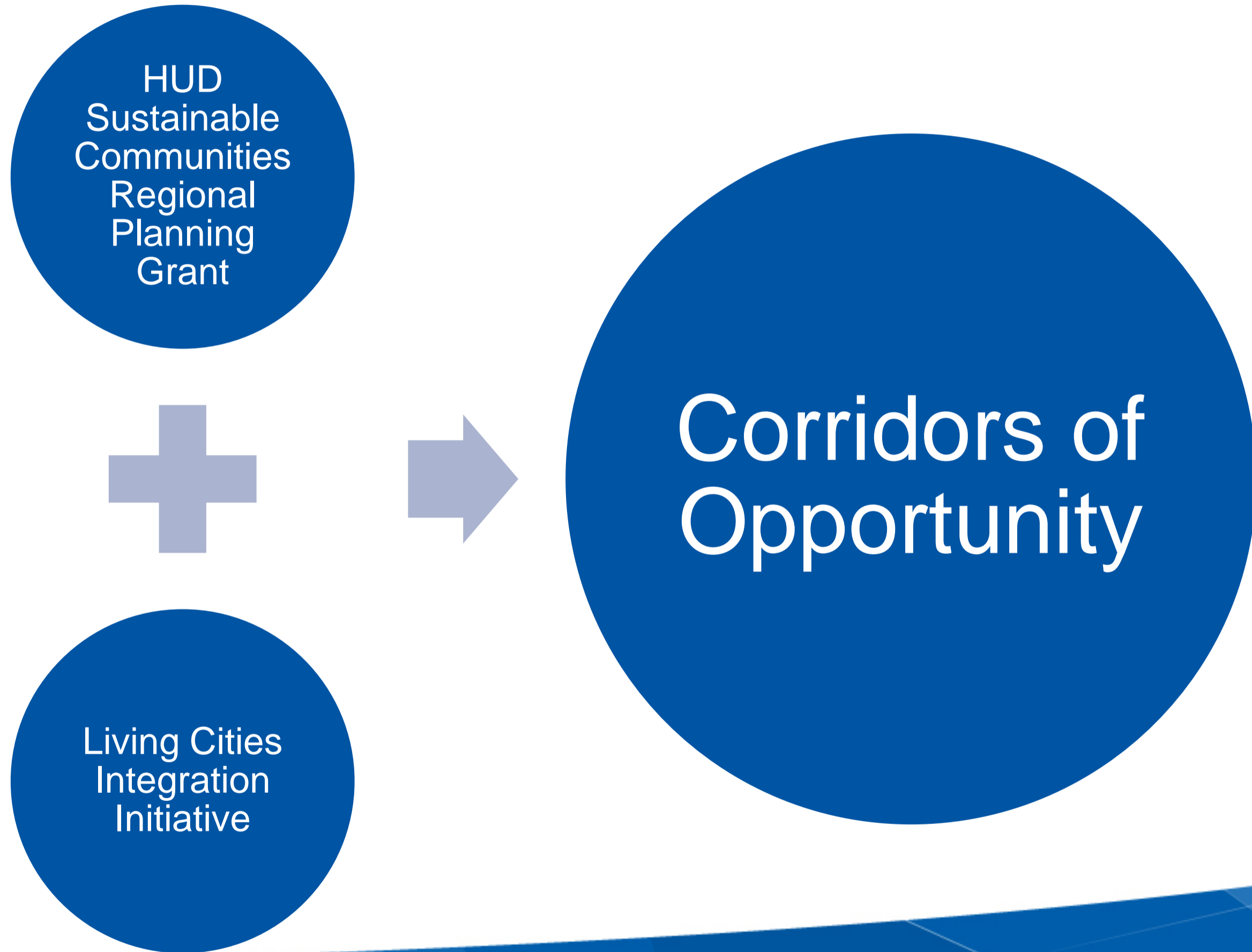
- Vision
- Timeline
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Deliverables
- Grant management process
- Midterm evaluation report
- What's next

Vision

Transitways corridors will guide our region's growth, vitality and competitiveness. Development along transitways will create distinctive places and strengthen local assets while increasing ridership and expanding access to jobs, affordable housing and essential services for residents of all incomes and backgrounds.



The Council oversees the HUD portion of the Initiative



Three-year HUD Grant Timeline

Metropolitan Council signs cooperative agreement with HUD – January 2011

Metropolitan Council and partners implement initiative – 2011 through 2013

Metropolitan Council submits final deliverables to HUD – December 2013

Metropolitan Council role vis-à-vis Corridors of Opportunity

Metropolitan Council

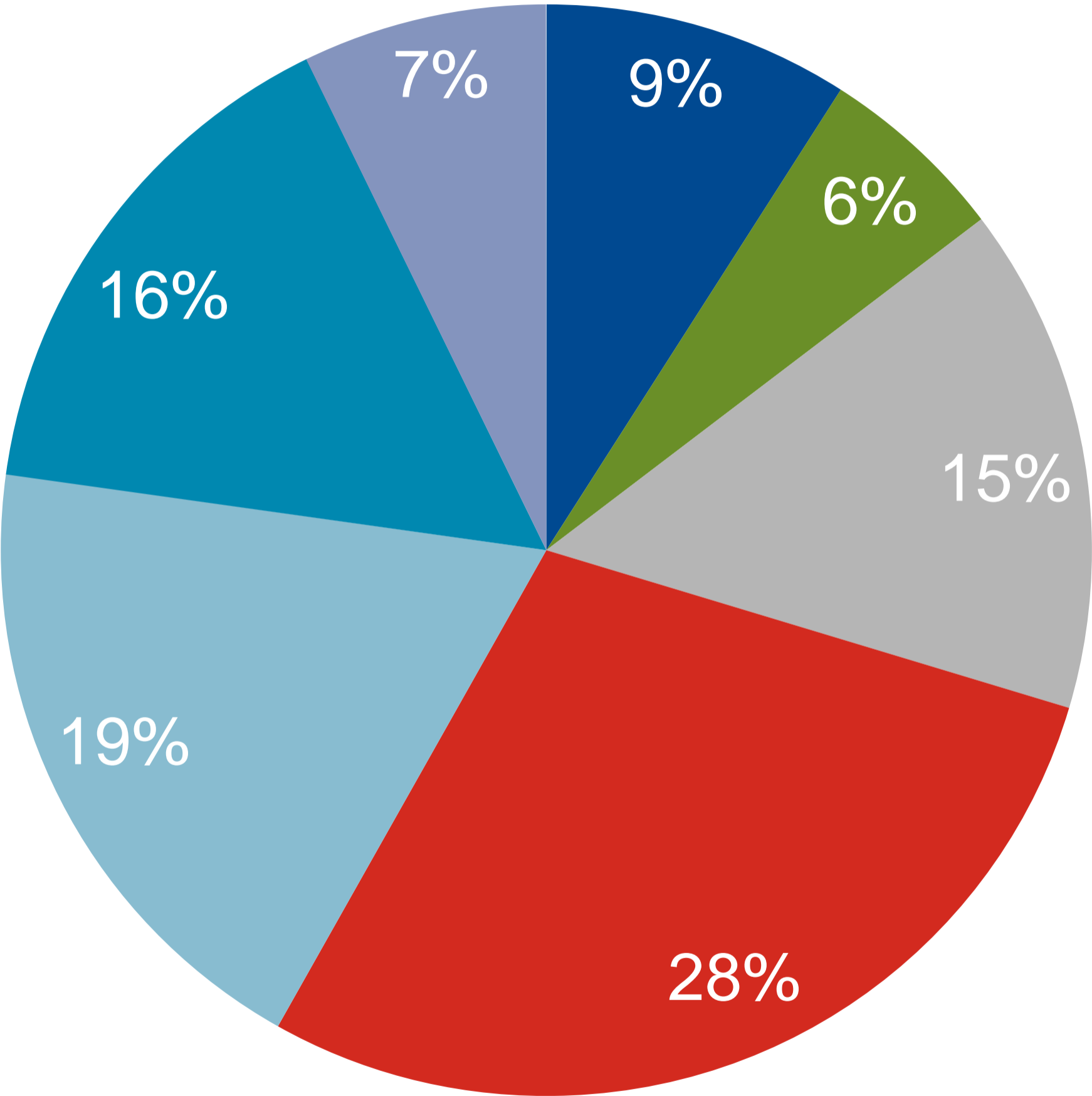
- Establishes regional policy
- Plans, develops and operates transitways
- Leads Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board
- Manages HUD Grant
- Responsible for all HUD deliverables
- Provides staff support to Corridors of Opportunity

Corridors of Opportunity

- Supports transitway planning & development via strategies on 7 corridors
- 24-member voluntary, multi-sector board
- Discusses potential resource and program alignment
- Uses HUD grant and other funds to test innovative and promising approaches

Corridors of Opportunity Grant Allocation

HUD Sustainable Communities: \$5 million



- Research & Policy
- Housing Resources
- Community Engagement
- Corridor Studies
- Local Implementation Capacity
- Demonstration Projects
- Miscellaneous



HUD Grant deliverables

- Thrive MSP 2040
- Fair Housing and Equity Assessment (FHEA)
- Sub-grantee deliverables

Grant management process

Monthly meetings with grantees

Monthly calls with HUD

Reimbursement payments

Biannual reports

Third party evaluation

Main take-aways about what is helping make success possible

- Buy-in from regional leaders
- Structural support for convening leaders, at policy and implementation levels
- Ongoing staff support
- Resources to support community participation and new models of public agency outreach
- Intentional efforts to identify and change policies and funding streams

Are we making it easier, and more of a priority, to develop along transitways?

- Aligning resources, convening stakeholder groups, and promoting catalytic projects
- Predevelopment Funders Roundtables helped move Old Home project from “no way” to “no brainer”



Do historically under-represented populations have a meaningful role in decision-making?

- Integrating new voices into processes
- Diversity of representation at multiple levels of decision-making including Policy Board
- Government agencies adopting new outreach practices



Is transitway development paving the way for prosperity for people of all backgrounds?

- Longer-term impact with some early successes
- Business assistance
- Anchor Institutions partnership
- Entrepreneurship training



Is the initiative creating more options for how people get around and where they live and work?

- Long-term impact, but developing the tools to realize that impact
- CoO Program of Projects study, aligned with Itasca ROI study and Chambers Infrastructure efforts, contributing to support for transit funding
- Incorporation of equity principles into Local Implementation and Met Council TOD grants



Implications for possible next steps

- Institutionalize “one table” and staffing to support them
- Use shared learning and relationship building to help shape and sustain systems change
- Identify policies and funding streams that need to change
- Continue community engagement model
- Systematically assess and prioritize what was intended but not yet completed