



# 2050 Water Policy Plan Update

Implementation programs – Local planning support and measuring outcomes

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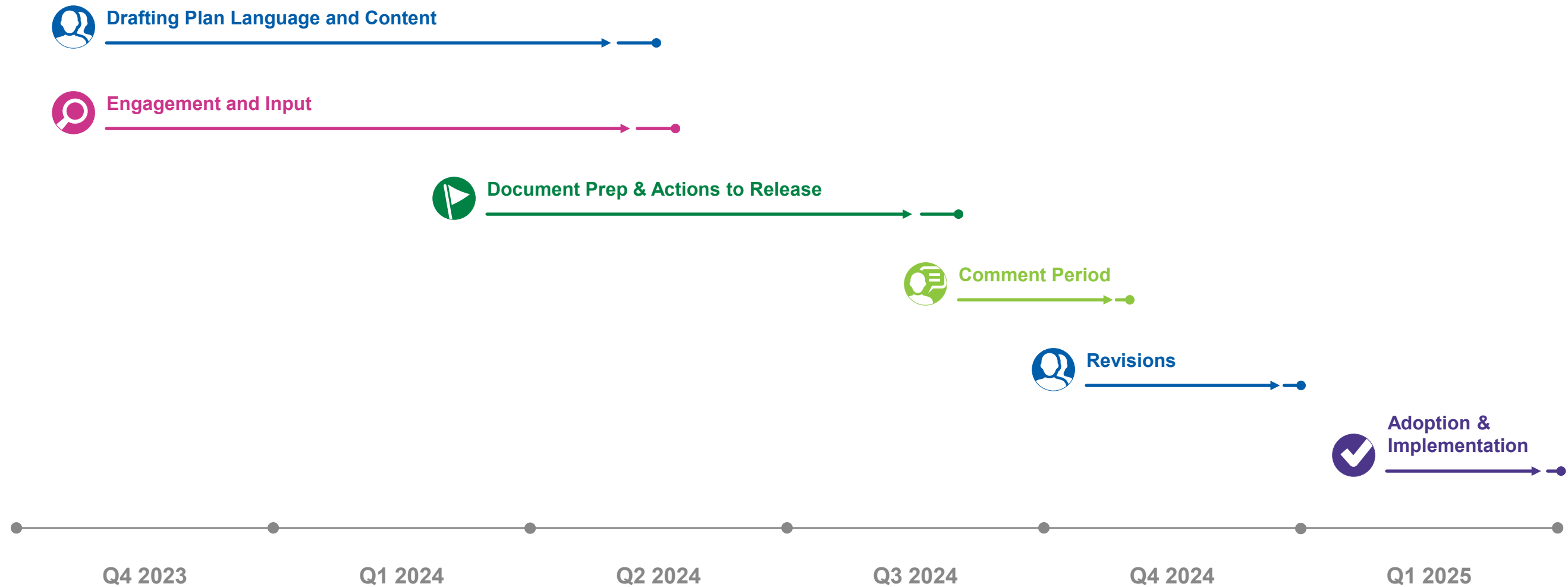
# Imagine 2050: Water Policy Plan



## High-quality water is essential for a healthy environment, thriving economy, and public health.

- Create climate-resilient water resources, ecosystems, and water infrastructure through innovative design and adaptive planning.
- Optimize regional water protection, planning, and infrastructure investments.
- Promote universal accessibility to water services and benefits.
- Maintain watershed-based management strategy that fosters collaboration across political boundaries.
- Integrate water management, from water supply to wastewater systems to surface waters.

# WPP timeline



# Imagine 2050 was adopted!



What have we been up to since?

# Local policy alignment

## System Statements

- Launches in Sept 2025
- 188 letters were created
- Provides regional systems information in their city or township
- Gives info on wastewater system, water supply concerns, surface water management

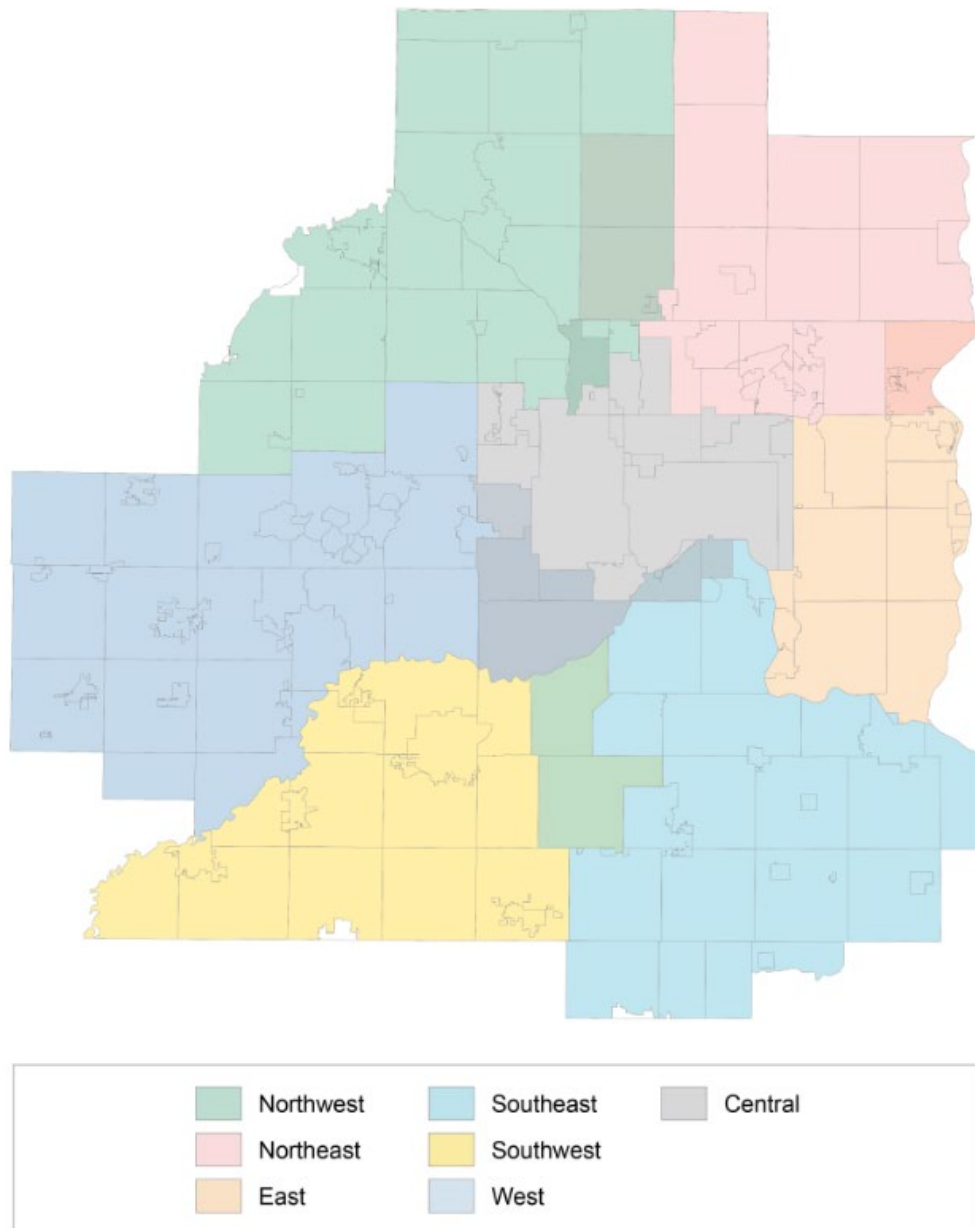
## Local Planning Handbook

- Launches in Sept 2025
- 188 unique web pages
- Provides the minimum requirements to be in alignment with regional policy
- Encourages LGU to go beyond minimum reqs to have stronger plans
- Links, resources, templates, how-tos

## PlanIt

- Launches in 2026-2028
- Provides guidance on local comprehensive plan creation
- In person workshops, 'office hours' with regional planners, webinars, topical discussions, walk-throughs

# Regional policy implementation



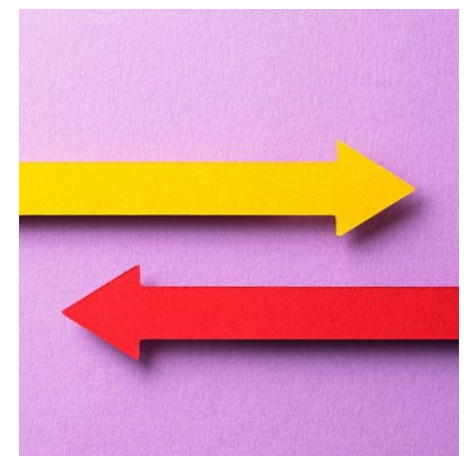
## Subregions are back!

- We are hosting one subregion meeting this year for all the groups to relaunch the effort.
- We are committing to meet with them 3 times per year in the following years.
- Topics will be cross water sector, integrated, holistic
- The goal is to better reflect and support each subregion's water planning needs and priorities.
- Audience:
  - Water suppliers
  - Public works staff (stormwater and wastewater)
  - Watershed and city planners
  - Climate resilience coordinators
  - Natural resources planners
  - Anyone who has an interest in ensuring an equitable and sustainable water future

# Measurement outcomes program

## Iterative, interactive, and strategic approach

- Aligns with Imagine 2050's value of accountability
- Creates opportunities for regional dialogues about trends, change, and progress
- Leverages new information and methods
- Aligns and sustains internal commitments
- Fosters systems thinking about regional goals and policy
- Supports holistic, data-informed decisions and policy



# ES Measurement Process

- Engaged 50+ ES staff
- Within each water planning area (wastewater, surface water, water supply) brainstormed metrics with subject matter experts
- Identified data sources to match metrics
  - Focused on data that already exists and is used by ES staff
  - The intention is not to create more work, but leverage work we already do
- Collaborated with other Regional Development Guide measure leads to ensure we were not diverging from the larger effort
- Sharing with ES leadership and Environment Committee to get their feedback



# Measures are categorized by type (role)

## Regional indicators

- Population-level (disaggregating where possible)
- Provide context—build shared understanding macro conditions
- “Big needles” that require collective action to move; no single actor or sector

## Regional measures

How are local partners advancing 2050 goals and policies?

- 2050 updates and other long-range plans
- Policies and strategies (developed/adopted)
- Programs, fiscal tools, funding
- Engagement and participation

## Met Council measures

How are we advancing 2050 goals and policies?

- Policies (“provide”)
- Grants and programs
- Processes
- Engagement and relationships (“partner”)

# Imagine 2050 Goals



- **Our region is equitable and inclusive**
  - Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all people feel welcome, included, and empowered.
- **Our communities are healthy and safe**
  - All our region's residents live healthy and rewarding lives with a sense of dignity and wellbeing.
- **Our region is dynamic and resilient**
  - Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and economy including issues of choice, access, and affordability.
- **We lead on addressing climate change**
  - We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure our communities and systems are resilient to climate impacts.
- **We protect and restore natural systems**
  - We protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to protect habitat and ensure a high quality of life for the people of our region.

# Water Policy Plan Policies

**Policy 1: Integrated water**

Water

**Policy 2: Growth and development**

Water

**Policy 3: Water equity**

Water

**Policy 4: Climate change**

Water

**Policy 5: Conservation and sustainability**

Water

**Policy 6: Water reuse**

Water

**Policy 7: Pollution prevention and  
contaminant management**

Water

**Policy 8: Monitoring, data, assessment**

Water

**Policy 9: Wastewater service area**

Water

**Policy 10: Wastewater operations and  
finance**

Water

**Policy 11: Inflow and infiltration**

Water

**Policy 12: Water workforce development**

Water

# About today's proposed measures



## Please keep in mind...

- Developed with technical experts and policy staff
- Informed by evidence-based practices
- Tracking
  - Update frequency
  - Disaggregation potential
- Additional Met Council measures will be added as implementation continues, such as Equity Frameworks
- Regional measures resulting from new data development may be changed/refined

# Review & discussion



- More information needed about proposed measures?
- Does the slate miss any key trends or areas of Met Council's work you want to see included?
- Measures you're particularly interested in or excited about?



Other comments and questions?

# Future Action: Imagine 2050 Amendment



A

## How: Outcomes Measurement Program

- Builds on Accountability value
- Describes purpose, scope, and guiding principles
- Sets internal commitments and expectations

B

## What: Initial outcome measurement slate

- Technical Appendix C
- Fulfills Imagine 2050 placeholders
- Does not supplant adopted 2050 Transportation Policy Plan performance measurement chapter

# Thank you

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