

Thrive Lens

Introduction and Discussion

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Equity Advisory Committee



Overview

Thrive Lens Introduction

What is it? How is it used?

Discussion

What can we do to make it stronger?

Thrive Lens Introduction

- Thrive Lens is a decision-making tool to align Council decisions with Thrive
- It's not a check list or compliance exercise

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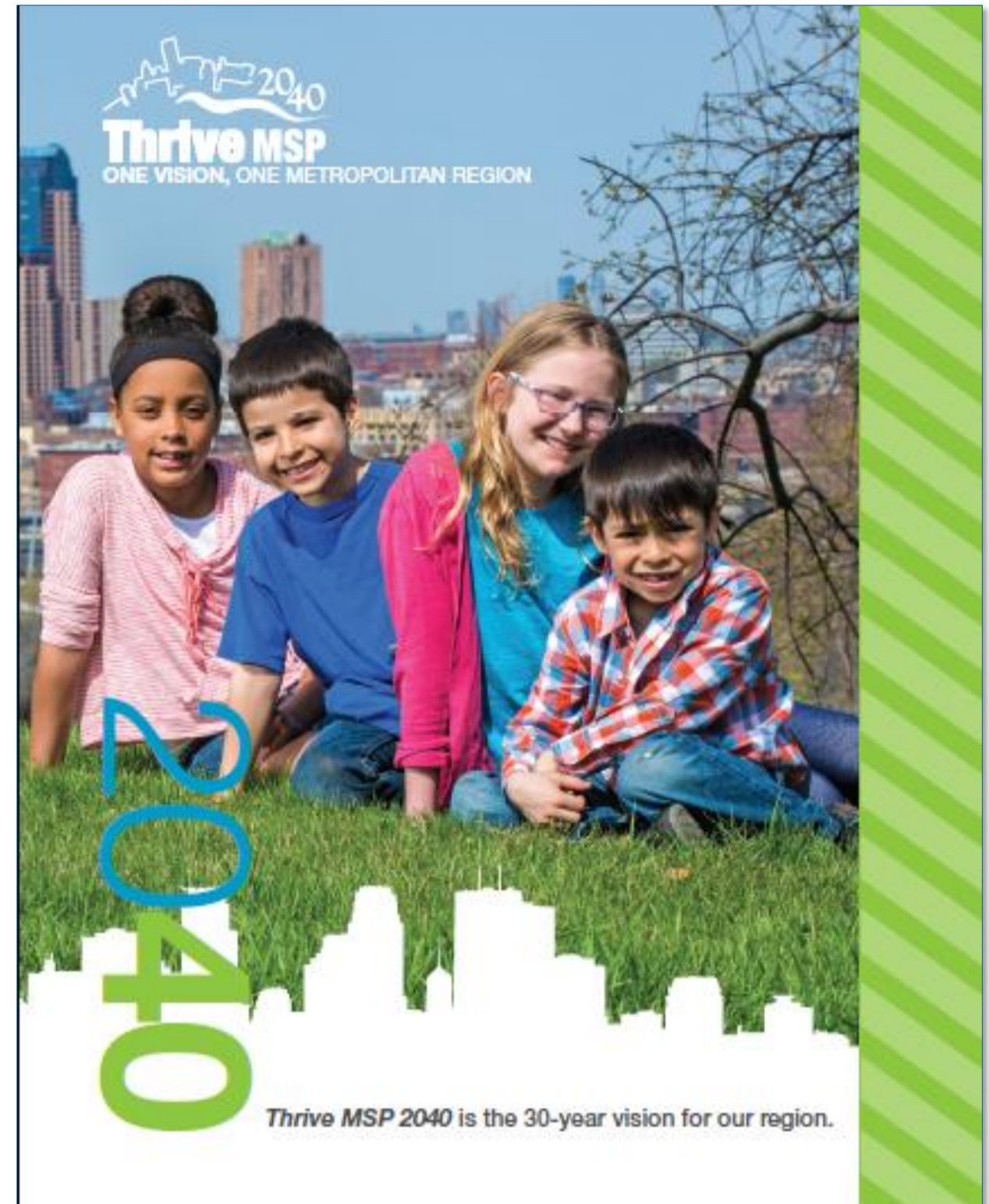
operationalizes Thrive


- Supports decision-making
- Cultivates integrated thinking
- Spurs explicit discussion of each outcome and principle
- Establishes a shared vocabulary

What is *Thrive*?

The Metropolitan Council shall prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and such public hearings as may be necessary, a **comprehensive development guide** for the metropolitan area...”

Minnesota Statutes 473.145





**What does our
region need to
thrive?**

**What kind of
region do we want
for our children?**

Outcomes

Stewardship

Sustainability

Prosperity

Livability

Equity

Stewardship

...responsibly managing the region's resources, and making strategic investments in our region's future.



Prosperity

...investments that attract and retain successful businesses, a talented workforce, and, consequently, wealth.



Equity

...connecting all residents to opportunity and creating viable housing, transportation, and recreation options for people of all races, ethnicities, incomes, and abilities.



Livability

...how places and infrastructure create and enhance the quality of life that makes our region a great place to live.



Sustainability

...preserving our capacity to maintain and support our region's well-being and productivity over the long term.



Integration

...leveraging multiple policy tools to address complex regional challenges and opportunities.



Collaboration

...shared efforts that advance our region most effectively toward shared outcomes.



Accountability

...monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of policies and practices toward achieving shared outcomes.



Discussion

Since our time is limited, we want to **focus on the Equity column**, but we will take general feedback you have about the Thrive Lens tool, too.

Specifically:

What questions do you use to evaluate whether projects or actions are equitable or will result in equitable outcomes?

What questions do you expect Metropolitan Council staff will have thought about before they come to this committee?



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