

Information Item

Equity Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: April 19, 2022

Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision, and Goals

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. 473.145
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Division/Department: Community Development

Background

Last month, leadership from the Council's three divisions provided an overview of the process for developing the 2050 Regional Development Guide and the four regional policy plans (Water Resources, Parks, Transportation, and Housing). At the April 19th meeting of the EAC, we would like to facilitate a discussion of the Values, Vision, and Goals that will establish the foundation for the planning and policy work to follow.

In various early conversations with staff and Councilmembers around this work, we recognize that the words we use matter a great deal. They can help set a constructive tone, provide clarity of purpose to our work, and inspire action. Furthermore, they can also establish a chain of accountability so that our policies and strategies are developed (or adjusted) in service of the overall Vision.

The Council has been discussing the following ten "exploratory issues". While equity is called out separately as an exploratory issue to highlight its importance, equity is a dimension of each issue. The discussion will reflect that integrated approach.

- Affordability
- Climate
- Equity
- Infrastructure
- Pandemic Recovery
- Public Health
- Resiliency
- Shared Prosperity
- Stewardship
- Welcoming and Safe Communities

To assist with preparation for the discussion, please consider taking part in a short four question survey prior to the meeting. Your responses will be included in the presentation, but you are encouraged to share or expound on them during the meeting. Your complete written responses will be compiled in their entirety and shared with you after the meeting.

Please use the link below to complete the survey. You are also welcomed to share your thoughts with me over the phone or by e-mail at michael.larson@metc.state.mn.us.

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Thank you in advance and I very much look forward to our discussion.