



# Framing Equity

In the 2050 Regional Development Guide  
Process and Policies





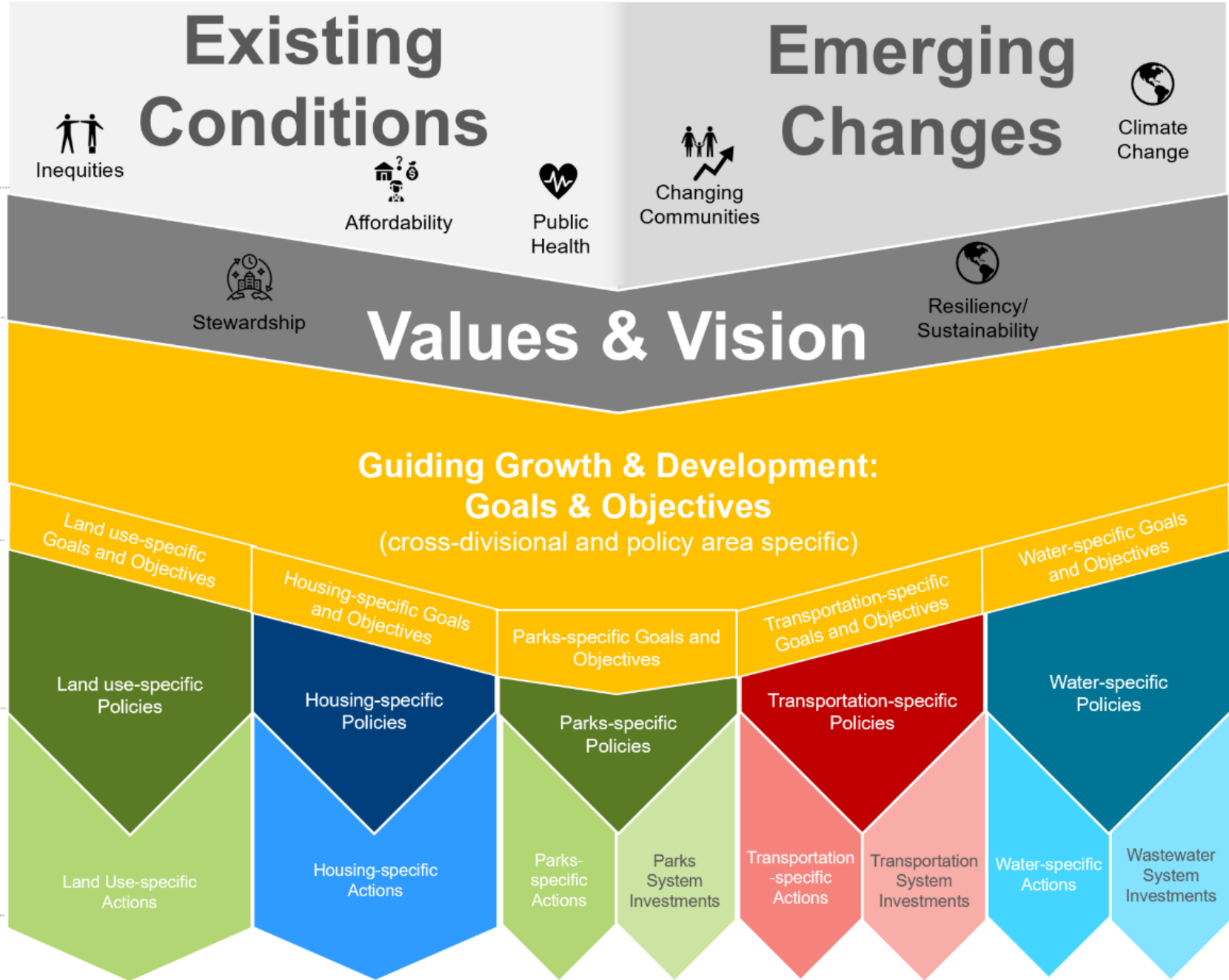
# Goals for Today



## Recap, Connect, Introduce and Discuss

- Recap the plan and approach for developing the 2050 Regional Development Guide (RDG)
- Connect ongoing work to new approaches
- Introduce and discuss the Equity Framework used by Council staff for consistency within the 2050 RDG process

# Recap: An integrated, coordinated plan



Existing conditions

Values

Vision

Shared Goals

Objectives

Policies

Actions

# 10-Year Regional Planning Cycle

**Plan Implementation (Ongoing)**  
 Communities formally adopt and begin to implement authorized local plans, amending as needed to adapt to changing local conditions.

**2050 Local Comprehensive Plans (2025 – 2028)**  
 Cities, townships, and counties prepare comprehensive plans as required by state statute. Plans are informed by the regional development guide, system & policy plans, and system statements. The Council provides tools & resources to assist communities, and reviews and authorizes local plans.



**System Statements Issued to Local Governments (2025)**  
 The system statement is a customized document informing each community in the region how it is affected by the Council's plans for regional systems.

**Decennial Census (2020)**  
 Census data is used to develop long-term forecasts at least once a decade for the regional development guide. Forecasts include future population, households, and employment for the region and each community in the region.

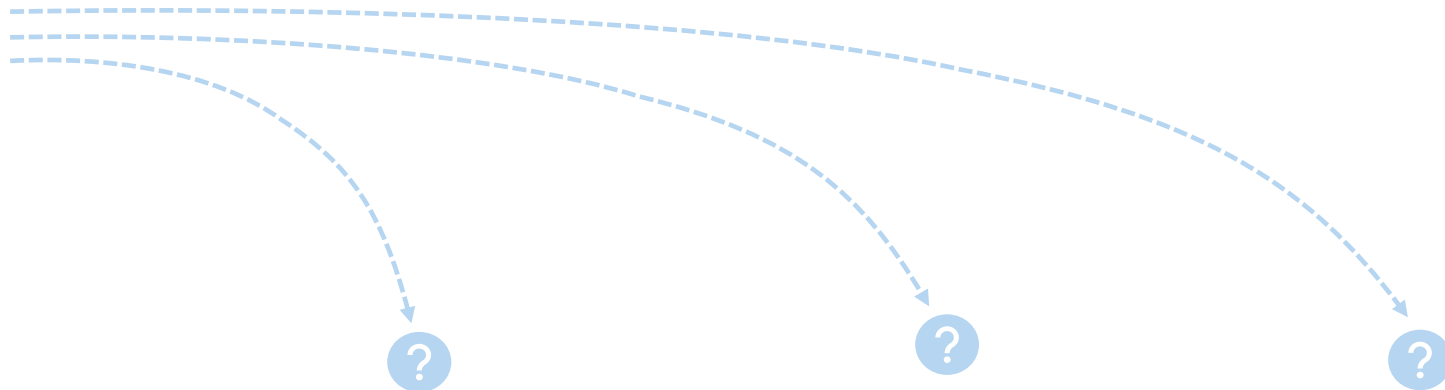
**2050 Regional Development Guide and System & Policy Plans (2022 – 2025)**  
 The regional development guide is the 30-year plan for the growth and development of our region. It reflects concerns and aspirations, anticipates future needs, and addresses our responsibility to future generations. It includes all of the plans of the Council for regional parks & trails, transportation & aviation, water resources, housing, and land use.

# Recap: Path toward 2050 Plan

Regional Development Guide, System Plans, and Policy Plans

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EAC work: ★



Project formation

Issues exploration

Policy development

Broad engagement

Review and adoption

Implementation



Internal Team Formation

Pressing Issues

Regional Vision & Values

Regional Forecasts

Local Forecasts

Water Issue Exploration

Scenario Exploration

Community Designations

Policy Drafting

Metropolitan Council

Census

Election

Plan Adoption

# Previous EAC presentations

## Regional Development Guide

- Executive Sponsors described the 2050 regional planning process
- Outlined Council statutory role and responsibilities
- Described internal organization

## Also part of the 2050 RDG planning process

- Vision and Values
- Scenario Planning
- Young Leaders Collab (YLC)



# Internal Team Organization

Executive Co-Sponsors

Process Design Team

Integration Team

Equity Task Force

Organizational

Existing Conditions

Policy Development

Equity Framework

Shared Language

Capacity Building

Environmental Justice

Equity Commitments

Definitions

# Equity approach in the 2050 process

## Equity Task Force

- Council staff across all divisions
- Responsible to the Integration Team
- Focused on integration of equity in both process and policy development
- Support other 2050 RDG equity initiatives
- Responsible for 2050 RDG equity components (defining equity)

## Equity Framework

- Partnership with the U of M's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA)
- Training series for Council staff integral to development of the 2050 RDG
- Small group staff workshops and tailored assistance for policy teams
- Implementation resources for policy teams
- Ongoing assistance for policy teams



# Welcome and Introduction

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Previously as Equity Manager at the Metropolitan Council in the Twin Cities region, C Terrence implemented equity as part of the work that the Council does to address the high racial disparities in the region.

He graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee with degrees in Urban Affairs and in Philosophy.





Thank You!

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