



Young Leaders Regional Vision & Policy Collaboration

Youth engagement for the 2050 Regional Development Guide



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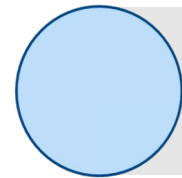
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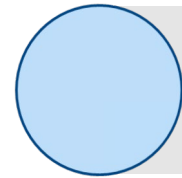
Seeking your advice for this project:

1. What advice do you have for creating successful engagement between young people and the Metropolitan Council?
2. What youth serving organizations would you recommend for future collaboration on the regional development guide?
3. What should be priority topics for Council discussion with young people between the ages of 14-24?

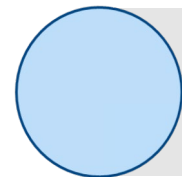
Project guiding values



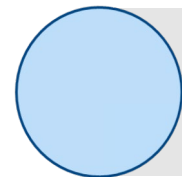
Foster youth capacity for civic engagement & policy work



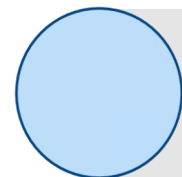
Create relevant, credible engagement to understand future of the region



Build The Council's capacity to value youth leadership, expertise, experience



Embed equity in regional development guide (RDG) vision process

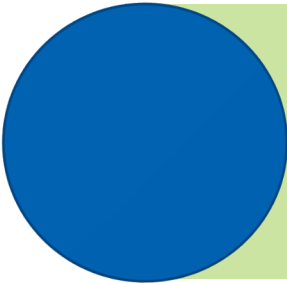


Commit to accountability- widely share youth ideas, inform them how

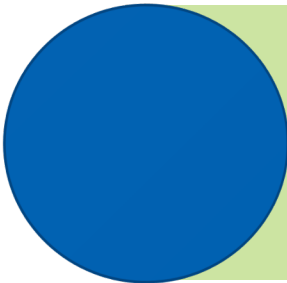
Racial equity centered through:



Staff, intern and young leader participant demographics



Multiple methods to understand the region's present and future



Conversations about repair of past harms due Council's and other policies

Organization collaboration

Project structure

- Six organizations; 6-10 youth/organization
- Continuity across project
- Organizations & young leaders compensated
- Organization must have leadership component

Organization Selection

- Always relationship building
- Nominations from Council Members, jurisdictional contacts, Council relationships
- Additional open recruitment efforts
- Debrief with interested organizations that did not apply

Leaders' participation: Who & how?

Connecting with future residents

- Age range 14-24
- Geographic diversity: Rural, urban, suburban
- Demographics reflect 2050 region

Leader-focused

- Mirror Council engagement with advisory councils
- Civic engagement goals
- Project built from positive youth development, participatory approach

Selected Organizations



We will be collaborating with:

- Beacons
- Esperanza United
- Friends of the Mississippi River
- Minnesota 4-H Center for Youth Development
- Raices Latinas
- World Youth Connect

Advice Request 1

1. What is your advice to create meaningful engagement with young people for the Guide?
 2. What youth serving organizations would you recommend for future collaboration on the regional development guide?
- This project or in future (all advice welcome)

Timeline

Fall 2022

- Project scoping
- Relationship building
- Organizations selected & notified
- Interns hired (Dec.)

Winter 2023

- Workshops with each organization
- Diverse activities
- Reflection and finalization

Spring 2023

- Cross-organization convening
- Young leader presentations
- Consider summer leadership workshop
- Debrief and reflection

Summer 2023

- Publish in-depth analysis: Present findings to Council stakeholders
- Demonstrate to youth how findings informed policy plan.

Workshop topics & activities



1. What is the current reality?

2. What values should guide the region into the future?

3. What do we want the future to look like?

4. What should “we” do together to help build this future?

Advice Request 2

1. What should be priority topics for Council discussion with young people between the ages of 14-24?

Next Steps



Workshops begin February 2023

- Tailor process to each organization to meet their goals for young leaders (with youth representation)
- Kickoff workshops with data gathering and discussion in February
- If invited, return to EAC with young leaders in spring 2023 to share early results and reflection



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