

# Information Item

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: September 21, 2023

## Topic

Land Use Objectives

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Metropolitan Land Planning Act (§473.145)
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## Background

The Metropolitan Council is charged in statute with preparing a comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area. At the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 1, 2023, the Council endorsed a working set of values and goal statements to guide work on *Imagine 2050*, the next regional development guide and the system and policy plans (transportation, water resources, parks, and housing) within. At a meeting on June 21, 2023, staff presented proposed modifications to language for the five regional goals resulting from continued stakeholder engagement. The current draft regional goal statements are:

### **Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive**

Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

### **Our Communities are Healthy and Safe**

All our region's residents live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, dignity, and wellbeing.

### **Our Region is Dynamic and Resilient**

Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and the economy including issues of choice, accessibility, and affordability.

### **We Lead on Addressing Climate Change**

We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that 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 our region.

The development and endorsement of goals are important for continuing policy plan development. The regional planning process next step includes drafting objectives for each policy area that address the regional goals. While the regional goals broadly describe the desired end states for the region, objectives provide more specific direction by identifying achievable results that advance each regional goal.

At the Land Use Advisory Committee meeting on September 21st, staff will provide a brief regional

planning update and present the following draft land use objectives for discussion.

1. Minimize the amount of land needed to accommodate regional growth.
2. Maximize the development of places accessible for people by transit, bicycling, rolling, and walking.
3. Design places where all people feel safe and connected.
4. Maximize the preservation and restoration of natural systems at all scales of development.
5. Maximize housing choice within communities.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Prioritize land use and development patterns that strengthen local climate resilience.

Land use objectives provide direction on how the Council plans to manage the growth and development within the region, which are part of its statutory responsibilities. Upcoming work will include development of regional land use policies and actions to implement those policies.

