

Information Item

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: January 18, 2024

Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Draft Land Use Objectives Update

District(s), Member(s):	All
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Background

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. The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) reviewed and discussed the first draft of land use objectives at the September 21, 2023, meeting. Due to limited agenda time, Council staff will bring the draft land use policies to the Land Use Advisory Committee in March, paired with draft policies for each objective for review and discussion. The revised objectives are shared with the Committee for information purposes to ensure the Committee continues to be aware of the progress and content as changes occur.

Council staff solicited feedback from stakeholders including the Community Development Committee (CDC), the Transportation Policy Plan Advisory Working Group (TPP AWG), and Council staff from other policy and system areas. In addition, Council staff reviewed stakeholder feedback and findings from external community engagement and incorporated it into the revised draft land use objectives. Some feedback included advice for more people-centered language, use of the term housing “opportunities” rather than housing “choice,” and the addition of an objective focused on economic development and economic competitiveness.

Original Land Use Objectives

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.

Revised Land Use Objectives

1. Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.
2. Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian

infrastructure.

3. People live in vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities.
4. Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.
5. People in all types of communities have housing opportunities that align with their needs.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.
8. Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

