

Young Leaders Regional Vision & Policy Collaboration

Update on youth engagement for the 2050 Regional Development Guide



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Guiding Values

Foster youth capacity for civic engagement & policy work

Build Council capacity to value youth leadership, expertise, experience

Create relevant, credible engagement to understand future of the region

Embed equity in RDG vision process

Widely share-out youth perspectives and communicate how their ideas were incorporated

Organization collaboration

Project structure

- Six organizations; 48-60 youth
- Continuity across project
- Organizations & young leaders compensated
- Organization must have leadership component

Organization Selection

- Nominations from Council Members, jurisdictional contacts, Council relationships
- Additional recruitment efforts
- Debrief with organizations that did not apply
- Formal announcement soon

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

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?

Data activities: Forecast analysis, community interviews

Ideation and future thinking

Result: Describe the current reality.

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

What values do we see from our answers to question 1?

How do we/I prioritize values?

Result: Identify and prioritize values, reflect on process.

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

What would a successful region look like in 2050?

Who needs to be involved to be successful (e.g., business, schools, transportation, housing, etc.)

What are the highest priorities?

Result: Articulate a future based in values, share this vision for the future.

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

Learn about the Council – policy and systems areas.

How can these areas contribute to building the future we want?

How do we measure success?

Result: Create policy vision recommendations.

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
- Return to Council with young leaders in April 2023 to share early results and reflection



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