

Information Item

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: November 30, 2022

Topic

Young Leaders Regional Vision & Policy Collaboration

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| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Minn. Stat. § 473.145 |
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| Division/Department: | Community Development / Regional Planning |

Background

The Values, Vision, and Goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide (2050 RDG) will ground planning and policy development. This presentation is an update from early consultations with Council Members about the 2050 RDG process. Young people's insights are prioritized in the upcoming project, "Young Leaders Regional Vision & Policy Collaboration." The project will partner with six organizations with youth leadership components. Each organization will convene young leaders ages 14-24 to do complete a series of activities to connect youth perspectives to the 2050 RDG process.

In the presentation, staff will describe the key principles guiding this project work with organizations and young leaders. In the presentation, staff will describe the key principles guiding this project work with organizations and young leaders. Staff will reiterate the process that the Council is using to collaborate with young leaders within the selected organizations. The process builds on the successful model developed for the 2019 youth & parks research process.

Next steps include completing the hiring process for the intern team expected to help participate in workshop facilitation and process design in Spring 2023. Focus will shift to the intensive effort on relationship building to understand how to cultivate stronger collaboration with community organizations and young people.

Council Members were invited to nominate youth serving organizations. Three Council Members provided recommendations. Council staff contacted all of these organizations; five of seven recommended groups will be included in this or future youth engagement processes.

All organizations and young leaders will receive compensation for their work and expertise.