

2050 Regional Development Guide

Vision, Values, and Outcomes

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Metropolitan Council



Why Regional Planning?



Statute Requires Development Guide

The Metropolitan Council shall prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and such public hearings as may be necessary, **a comprehensive development guide** for the metropolitan area... (Minn. Stat. 473.145)

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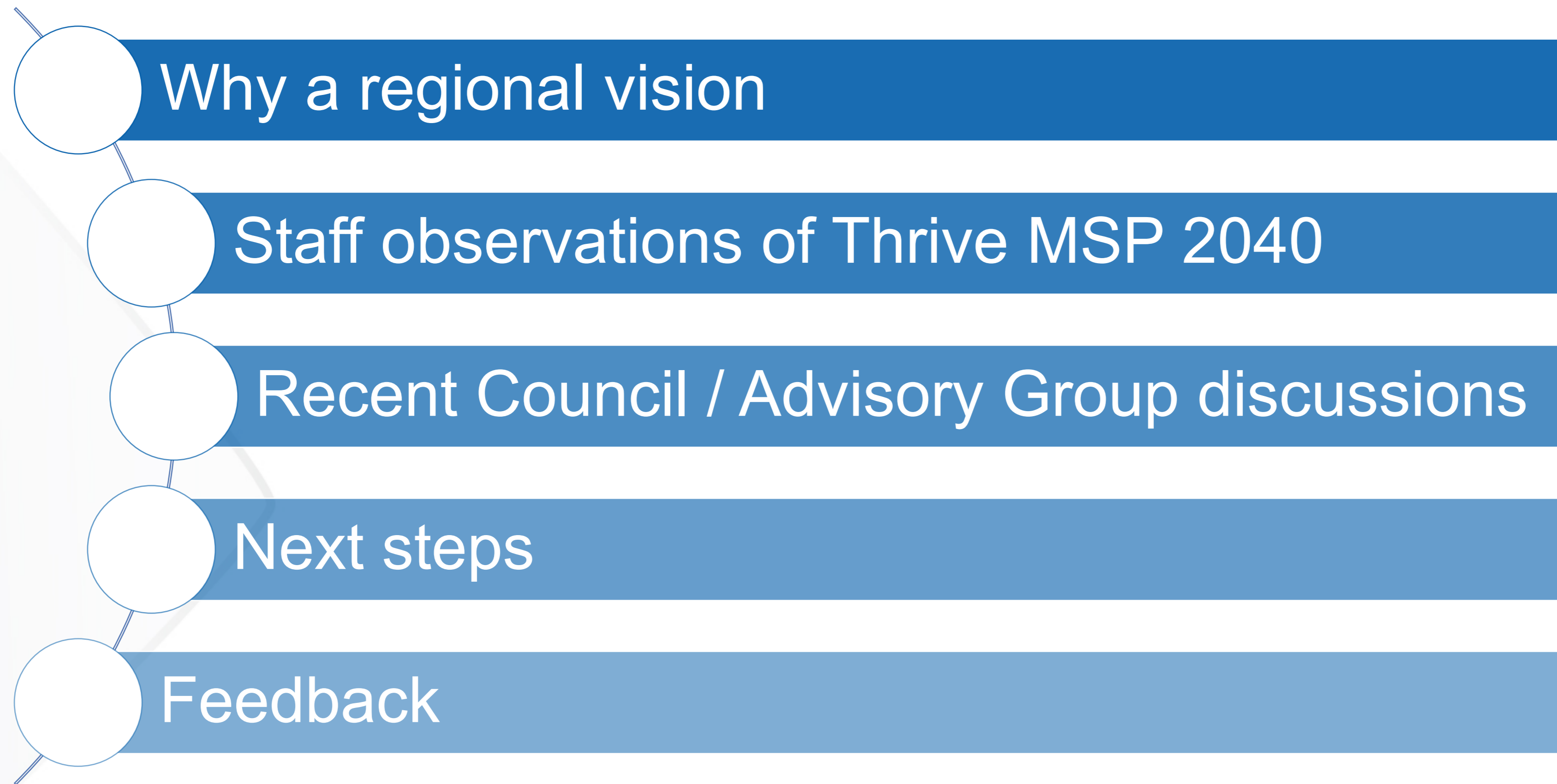
... It shall consist of a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs, and maps **prescribing guides for the orderly and economical development, public and private, of the metropolitan area** and those future developments which will have an impact on the entire area including but not limited to such matters as **land use, parks and open space land needs, the necessity for and location of airports, highways, transit facilities, public hospitals, libraries, schools, and other public buildings.**

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Regional Planning Questions



Overview



Vision Qualities

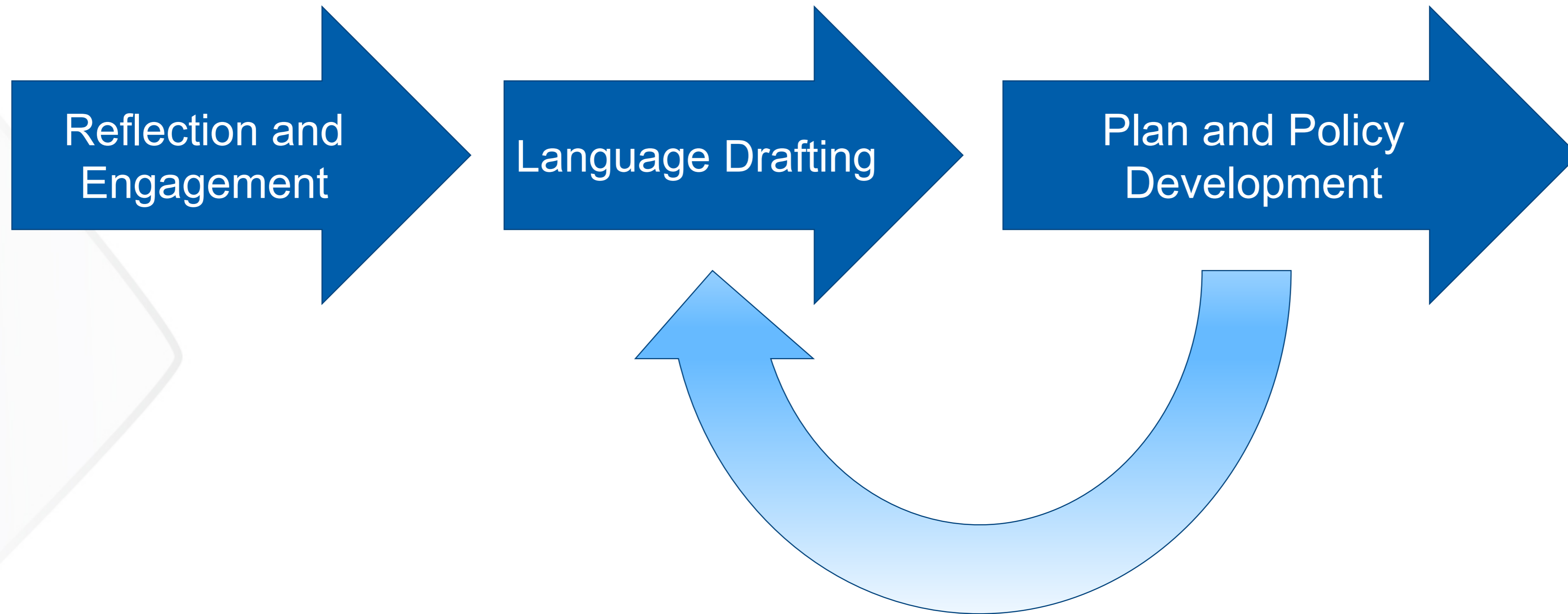


Creates mental picture of desired future

Inspirational and unambiguous

Direction for plan / policy development

Vision Process



Thrive MSP 2040

The Metropolitan Council has listened to the aspirations voiced by the region's residents, civic, nonprofit, and business leaders, and government officials and woven their thoughts and hopes into five desired outcomes that define our shared regional vision:

Thrive Outcomes

- Stewardship
- Prosperity
- Equity
- Livability
- Sustainability



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Pivoting from expanding to maintaining our region's wastewater and highway infrastructure

As with preserving natural resources, the Council is expected to be a wise steward of public financial resources and to strategically, effectively, and efficiently guide those dollars to the greatest benefit to our region. The combination of structural and demographic changes has made public resources for infrastructure expansion and preservation much more limited in the 21st century. Consequently, it becomes more critical that we make prudent financial decisions to maximize the benefit from the resources available.

pavement and the aging condition of the regional sewers necessitates investing significantly more in their preservation, maintenance, and repair to strike a new balance between being good stewards of the existing infrastructure and building more. As a result, the Council is pivoting from an expansion strategy to maintaining existing systems—especially wastewater and highways—to maintaining and maximizing the impact of limited dollars.

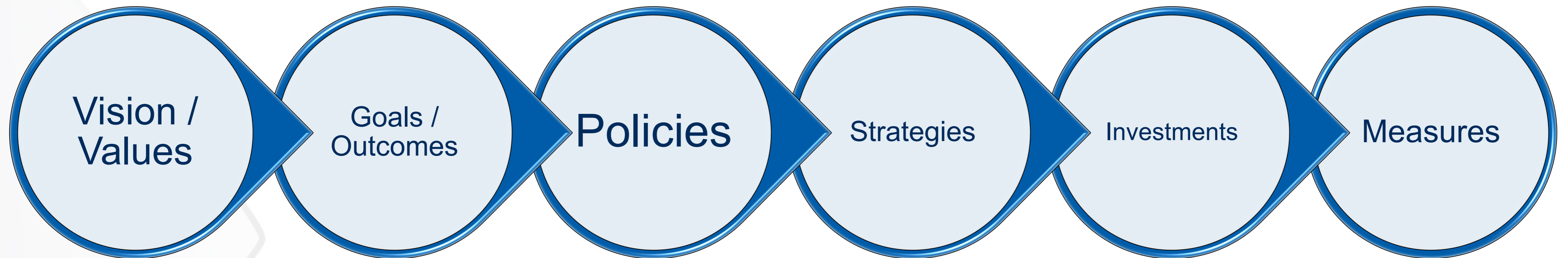
Over the last decade, the region's principal arterial network is essentially complete and rebuilding and replacement needs are increasing as federal, state, and local roads and bridges lose ground to inflation. Moreover, gas tax revenues have declined due to improved fuel efficiency and changing travel patterns. The Transportation Investment Plan (2013-2033) shows that the region will have \$52 billion in 2014 to 2022 for highway mobility improvements. This is a significant shortfall compared to Transportation Policy Plan projections and falls significantly short of what is needed. By 2023, all state highway funding will be devoted to rebuilding

Thrive Lessons Learned

- Stewardship
- Prosperity
- Equity
- Livability
- Sustainability

- More like principles or values than vision
- Excessive context and reflection
- Lack of clarity
- Competing priorities / tradeoffs not addressed

What are we doing to implement “the Vision”?



Recent Policymaker Discussion

- **Council**

- Metropolitan Council
- Committee of the Whole
- Community Development Committee
- Environment Committee
- Transportation Committee

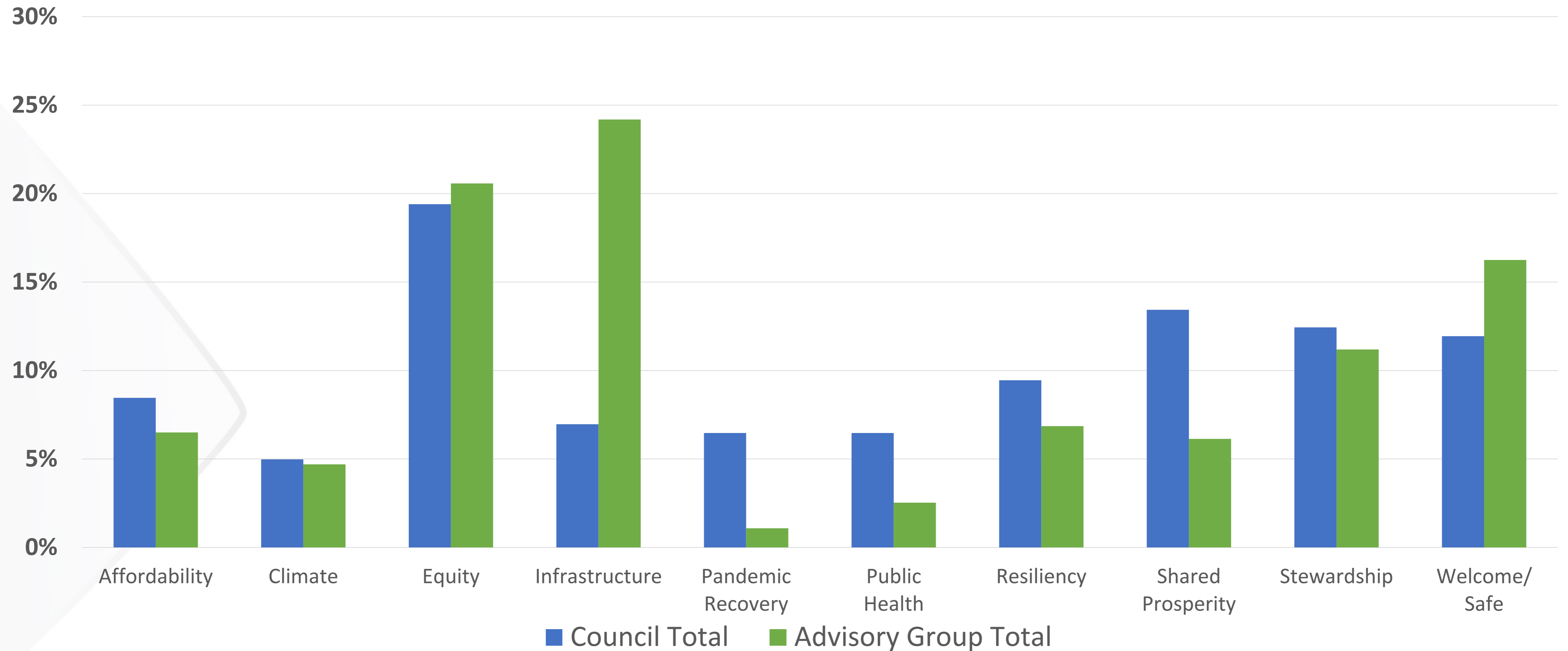
- **Advisory Bodies**

- Equity Advisory Committee
- Land Use Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
- Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Transportation Advisory Board

Exploratory Issues

- Affordability
- Climate
- Equity
- Infrastructure
- Pandemic Recovery
- Public Health
- Resiliency
- Shared Prosperity
- Stewardship
- Welcoming and Safe Communities

Discussion Emphasis



Exploratory Issue Connections

Equity

- Affordability
- Infrastructure
- Welcoming & Safe Communities

Climate

- Equity / Public Health
- Resiliency
- Stewardship

Overarching Principles

Communication

Collaboration

Community
Engagement

Understanding
Communities

Next Steps

Public Engagement Plan

- Advisory Groups
- Metro Cities / local government
- Tribal Consultation
- Youth / Young Adult Cohort concept

Foundational Materials

- Comp plan composite analysis
- Regional SWOT inventory
- Existing vision and values statements

Council Engagement

- Executive Committee / Committee of the Whole
- Staff working groups

Vision Structure Questions

What are the Region's Values?

- How do they relate to the Council's influence?
- How do they relate to the work of our partners?

What is the Region's Vision?

- How do our values inform our vision?
- How should the language be organized? How much detail is needed?
- What are key interrelationships among issues?

What are high-level outcomes we want to achieve?

Questions and Discussion

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