

Information Item

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: June 22, 2022

Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision, and Goals – Update on Engagement

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.145
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Background

The Values, Vision, and Goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide (2050 RDG) will ground planning and policy development. At the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 18, Council Members had an opportunity to identify potential values for the region as well as potential components of a vision based on five themes. At the Council meeting on June 22, staff will provide a status update of the Values, Vision, and Goals process including input that we have received to date as well as next steps for stakeholder engagement.

Process

Staff will reiterate the process that the Council is using to develop the 2050 RDG set of Values, Vision, and Goals. These elements include the following:

- Consideration of the visions articulated in community comprehensive plans.
- Ongoing regional research and discussion of evolving and emerging policy issues.
- Potential needs of individual policy plans in terms of focus and implementation.
- Outreach and engagement to different groups of stakeholders.

Engagement to Date

Staff have initiated or completed sets of engagement activities with most of the Council's advisory groups. The feedback from these groups has helped inform some early emerging themes that we will review. Engagement activities are scheduled for July for the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and consultation with tribal nations will also be scheduled.

Outreach and Engagement Plan

Staff have prepared a draft Outreach and Engagement Plan that will inform subsequent phases of engagement and help integrate this work with other, more detailed, engagement efforts that are occurring with the various policy plans. The document is informed by the Council's [Public Engagement Plan](#) and the principles of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

Emerging Themes

All of the input that we received from stakeholder input is being documented and organized for consideration. Many stakeholders repeat similar ideas while some provide very specific information, anecdotes, and stories. Staff will share some of the themes that have emerged for your consideration and discussion.