



Adopt Imagine 2050

Metropolitan Council Meeting

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Imagine 2050 Regional Vision

A prosperous, equitable, and resilient region with abundant opportunities for all to live, work, play, and thrive.



Core Values



Equity: Addressing disparities and fostering an equitable future.



Accountability: Measuring impact and being open to change.



Leadership: Inspiring positive change across sectors.



Stewardship: Sustaining resources for future generations.

Regional Goals



Our region is equitable and inclusive.

Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all people feel welcome, included, and empowered.



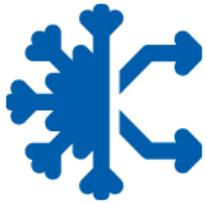
Our communities are healthy and safe.

All our region's residents live healthy and rewarding lives with a sense of dignity and wellbeing.



Our region is dynamic and resilient.

Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and the economy including issues of choice, access, and affordability.



We lead on addressing climate change.

We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient to climate impacts.



We protect and restore natural systems.

We protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to protect habitat and ensure a high quality of life for the people of our region.

Regional Partners Were Key to Plan Development

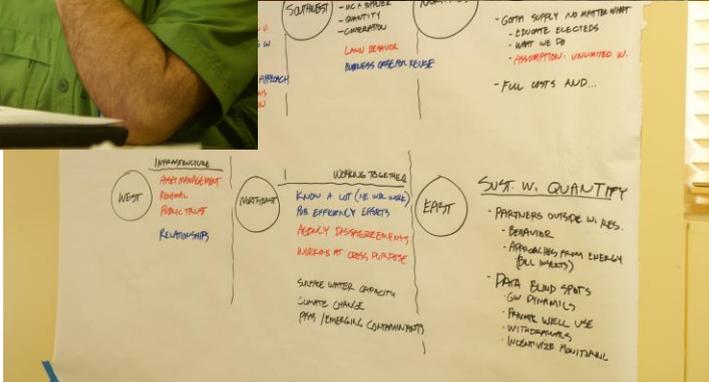


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Thank you to Met Council staff!



Public Comment Period



One step in overall engagement

Received more than 2,000 comments from approximately 500 organizations and individuals.

Notable changes:

- Adjusted language, added clarity on definitions and local plan expectations
- American Indian Advisory Council recommendations
- Adjustments to local forecasts
- Transitway project adjustments, future transit vision update
- Updated language on objectives

Next steps



- Publication version of Imagine 2050 including a web presence
- Guidance for implementation of Imagine 2050 as it relates to local comprehensive plans
- In reach efforts provide information and training to Council staff (example, replacing the Thrive lens in business items)
- Reflect transportation investment direction in Regional Solicitation for federal funds
- Align Livable Communities Act programs with Imagine 2050 for 2026 solicitation

Proposed Action



That the Metropolitan Council

1. Accept and consolidate the public comment reports for Imagine 2050.
2. Adopt Imagine 2050, the metropolitan development guide for the region as authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 473.145 and replacing Thrive MSP 2040 and all 2040 systems and policy plans. Imagine 2050 also includes the following chapters which supersede and replace previous iterations of these plans:
 - a. The 2050 Land Use Policy
 - b. The 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan
 - c. The 2050 Housing Policy Plan
 - d. The 2050 Transportation Policy Plan
 - e. The 2050 Water Policy Plan, including the Metro Area Water Supply Plan
3. Adopt the local forecasts through 2050 as shown in Appendix A of the Vision, Values, Goals component of Imagine 2050.
4. Authorize Council staff to finalize Imagine 2050 for publication, including making any non-substantive edits for typographical errors, plain language, and consistency, and to produce of Imagine 2050 for local government and public users.



Learn More

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