

# Information Item

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2022

## Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision, and Goals

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

The Metropolitan Council has begun undertaking efforts related to the development of the 2050 Regional Development Guide (RDG). The current RDG, *Thrive MSP 2040*, along with the Council's metropolitan system and policy plans, are the governing documents that help guide the orderly growth and development of the region. System and policy plans include the *2040 Parks Policy Plan*, the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*, the *2040 Water Resources Policy Plan*, and the *Housing Policy Plan*.

The RDG will include a set of Values, Vision, and Goals to help ground the planning and policy development to follow. Staff will provide an overview of the process that the Council is using, include the following elements:

- 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.

### Stakeholder Engagement

Staff have initiated or completed engagement activities with many of the Council's advisory groups. The feedback from these groups has helped inform some early emerging themes that we will review. We look forward to hearing from MPOSC on how the regional park system relates to, helps inform, or adds to these themes.

### 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 system and policy plans.

### Emerging Themes

All of the input that we received from stakeholders 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.