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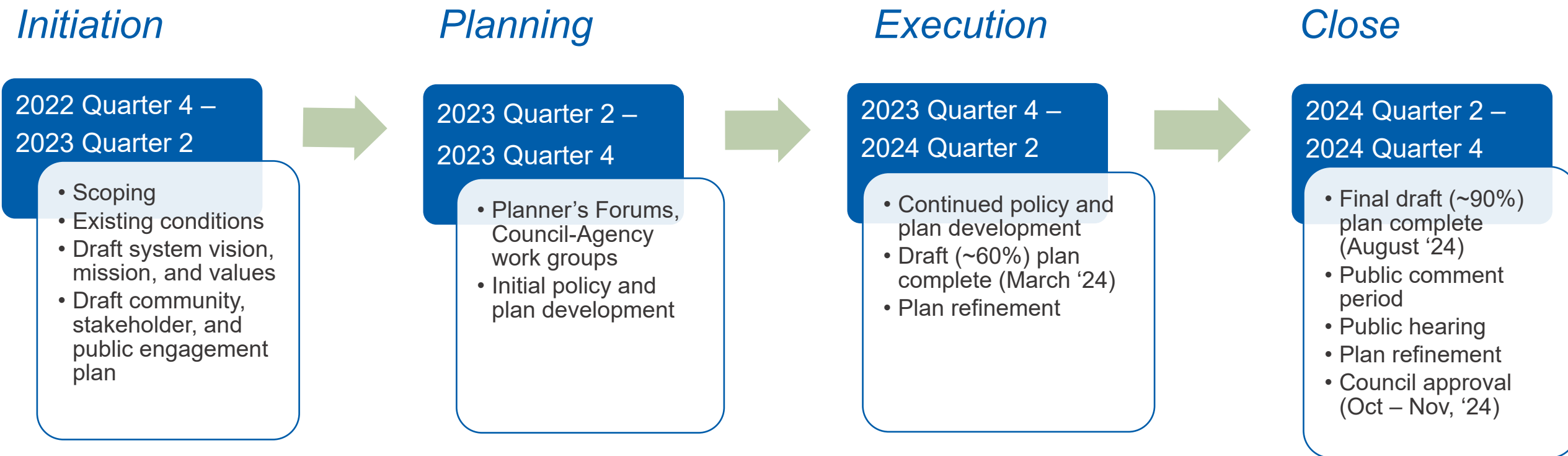
Exploring Shared Regional Goals and Policy Area Objectives

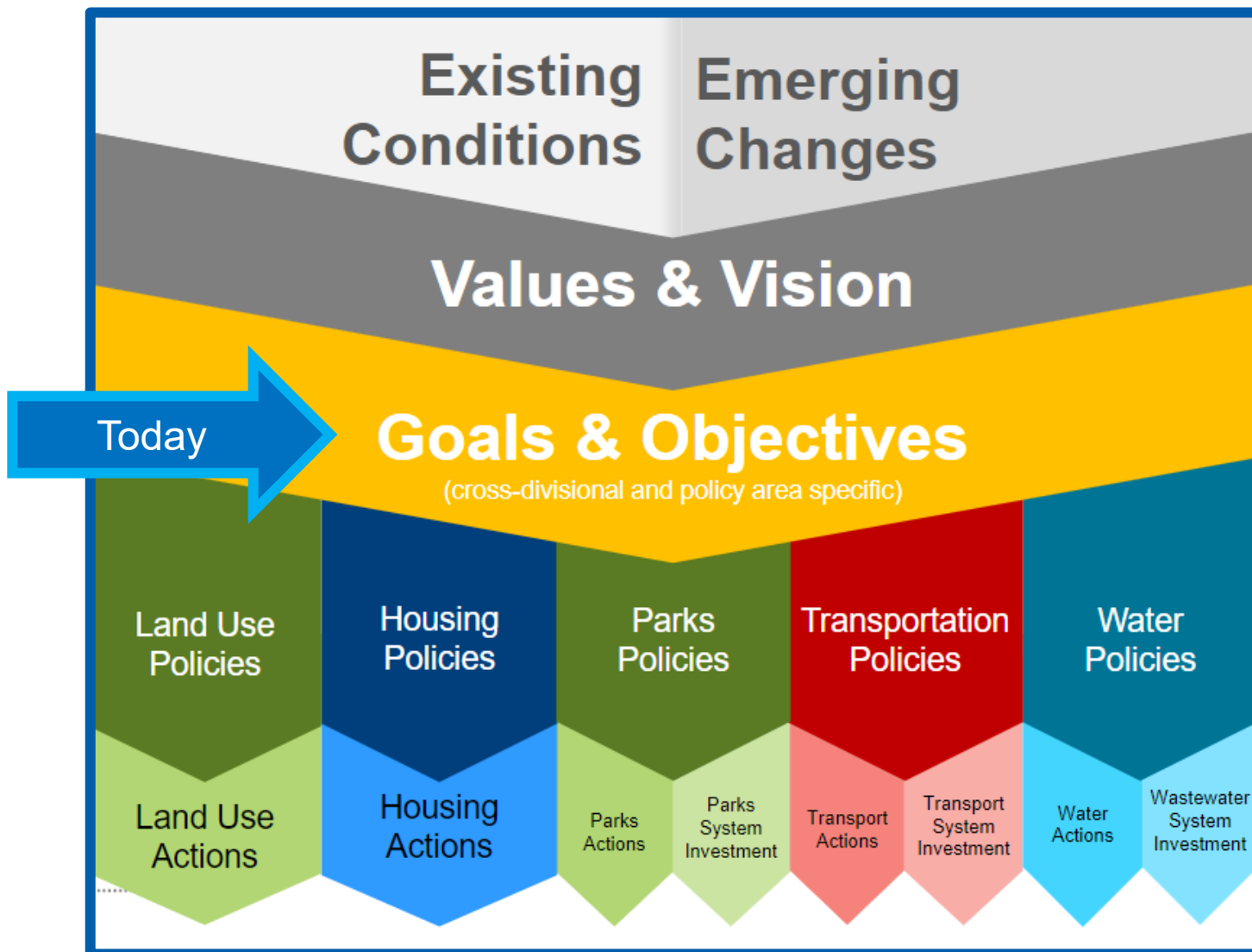**Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting**

June 1, 2023

Parks Policy Plan Timeline – Summary

Initiation

2022 Quarter 4 – 2023 Quarter 2

- Scoping
- Existing conditions
- Draft system vision, mission, and values
- Draft community, stakeholder, and public engagement plan

Planning

2023 Quarter 2 – 2023 Quarter 4

- Planner's Forums, Council-Agency work groups
- Initial policy and plan development

Execution

2023 Quarter 4 – 2024 Quarter 2

- Continued policy and plan development
- Draft (~60%) plan complete (March '24)
- Plan refinement

Close

2024 Quarter 2 – 2024 Quarter 4

- Final draft (~90%) plan complete (August '24)
- Public comment period
- Public hearing
- Plan refinement
- Council approval (Oct – Nov, '24)

Coordination with the Regional Development Guide Process, Other Council Systems and Policy Areas

Ongoing Engagement: Council Committees, Implementing Agencies, Community Groups, Stakeholders, Public

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Regional Development Guide – Proposed Structure and Definitions

Values

Values are core beliefs or principals that guide the work of the Council, our expectations of partnerships, and our policy and program development.

Vision

Our vision is what we want to achieve for the region through our policies, practices, programs, and partnerships.

Goals

Our goals will broadly describe the desired end states that we want to achieve for the region.

Regional Development Guide – Values

Equity

We value the people and communities of our region.

Leadership

We value those in our region who inspire and motivate others for positive change.

Accountability

We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes.

Stewardship

We value our region's abundant resources.

Council endorsed draft values.

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Regional Development Guide – Vision

Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming

Our quality of life is high by national standards but not all communities share in this. We envision a future where inequities and injustices have been eliminated and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

Our Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant

The wellbeing of our region depends on the strength and inclusiveness of our economy as well as the quality, safety, and reliability of our public infrastructure and services. We envision a future where all our region's residents can live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, agency, and wellbeing.

We Lead on Addressing Climate Change

Our region leads on the critical issue of climate change. We envision a future where we have eliminated or mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient.

We Protect and Restore Natural Systems

Our region has world class parks and abundant natural resources. We envision a future where natural systems are increasingly protected, integrated, and restored to ensure a high quality of life for our growing region.
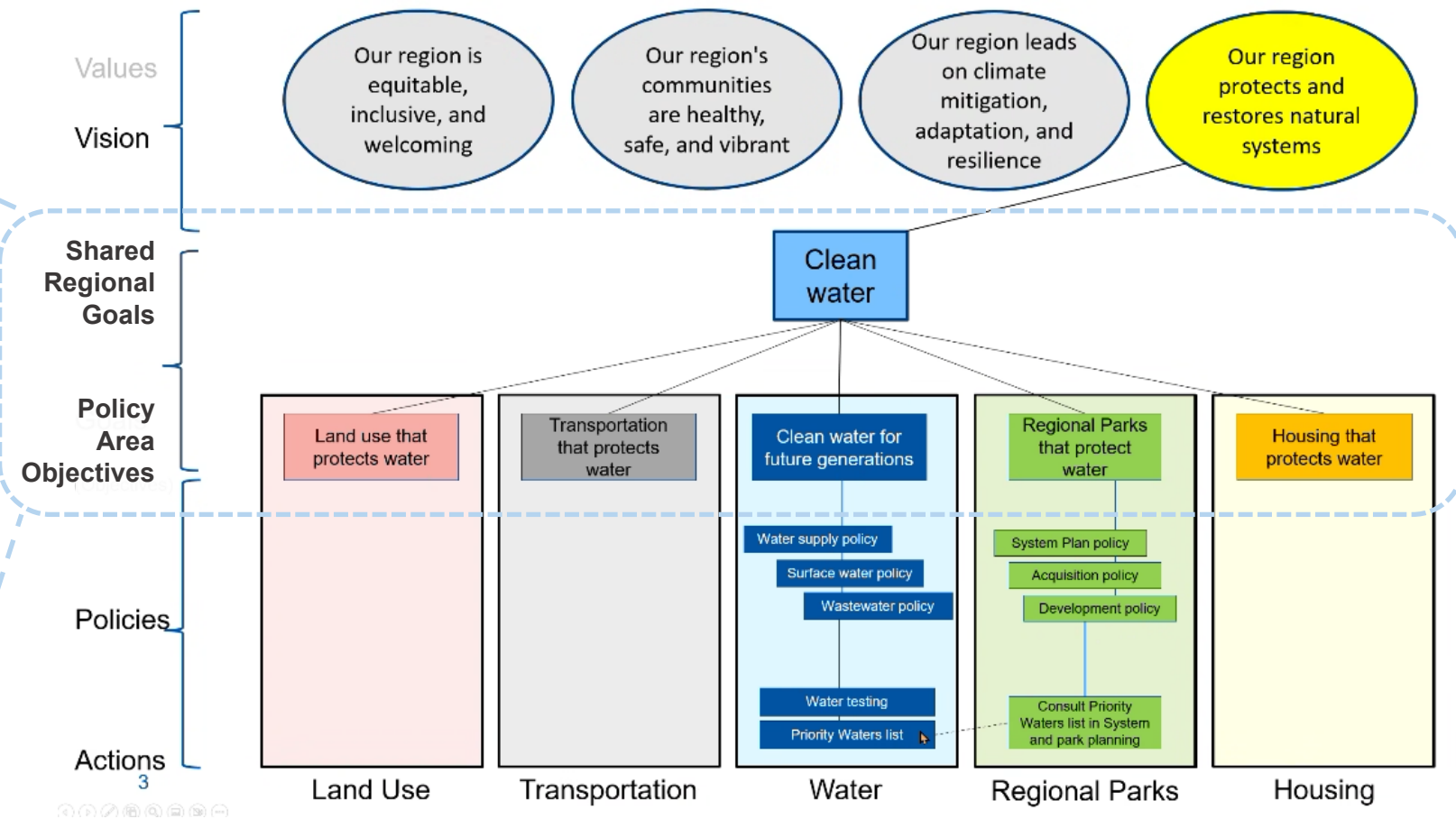
Council endorsed draft visions.

Goals and Objectives: Exploring the Intersection of the Regional Development Guide and Regional Parks Policy

Shared Regional Goals

- Have relevance across multiple Council systems
- Will likely be closely aligned with regional vision statements

Policy Area Objectives

- Specific to individual policy areas
- Intended to be SMART: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant and **T**imebound.
- For example, "Our region protects and restores natural systems in the Regional Parks System by…"

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Focus: Regional Parks Policy Area Objectives

Council-Endorsed Regional **Vision**

Shared Regional **Goals**

Regional Parks **Policy Area Objectives**

Our region is equitable, inclusive and welcoming.

The Regional Parks System contributes to this by…

- Idea 1
- Idea 2
- Idea 3

Our communities are healthy, safe and vibrant.

The Regional Parks System contributes to this by…

- Idea 1
- Idea 2
- Idea 3

We lead on addressing climate change

in the Regional Parks System by…

- Idea 1
- Idea 2
- Idea 3

We protect and restore natural systems

in the Regional Parks System by…

- Idea 1
- Idea 2
- Idea 3

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Workgroup, Topic Area Approach: A Focus on Opportunities, Challenges

Initial Agency-Council workgroups

1. Community, Stakeholder and Public Engagement
2. Regional Parks and Trails System Vision, Mission and Values
3. Strategic, Sustainable Funding
4. Recreation Activities and Facilities
5. Park and Trail Plan Requirements, incl. Equity Analysis Requirement
6. System Plan Considerations, incl. Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
7. Regional Trails and Regional Bicycle Transportation Network

2023 Q1- 2023 Q2

2023 Q3 - 2024 Q1

Community, Stakeholder and Public Engagement

Workgroup Status, Summary

- Co-developing an engagement plan

- Building, strengthening relationships with community groups and others

- Propose four parks policy area focus groups

- Where can people have an impact on park policy?

- Opportunities to collaborate, integrate with other Council, Community Development Division efforts

Key Dates, Milestones

- **April 13** – 1st workgroup meeting

- **May 30** – 2nd workgroup meeting

- **June 29** – Implementing Agency Partner meeting

Regional Parks and Trails System Vision, Mission and Values

Workgroup Status, Summary

- General support for the workgroup approach.

- Interest in developing system-wide, partnership approach to vision, mission, and value statements; as well as describing the Council's role.

- Vision statements should be short, inspirational.

- Statements should not duplicate one another.

- Education should be considered as a value statement.

Key Dates, Milestones

- May 1 – 1st workgroup meeting

- **June 12** – 2nd workgroup meeting

- **June 29** – Implementing Agency Partner meeting

VISION

MISSION

VALUES

Next Steps

A Busy Transition to Planning Phase

- **June 1** – Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting
  - Regional Goals and Policy Area Objectives
- **June 15** – Regional Parks and Trails Planner's Forum
  - Park and Trail Plan Requirements
  - System Plan Considerations
- **June 29** – Regional Park Implementing Agency-Council Partner meeting
  - Draft Vision, Mission, and Values
  - Draft Community Engagement Plan
- **August 3** – Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting
  - Revised Draft Vision, Mission, and Values
  - Revised Draft Community Engagement Plan
- **August**, TBD – Regional Parks and Trails Planner's Forum

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Thank you!

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