

2050 Regional Development Guide and Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



January 4, 2024

Presentation Overview

1. Proposed early 2024 Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission engagement.
2. Schedule for finalizing the Regional Development Guide in later 2024.
3. Draft regional parks and trails objectives – How do we achieve these objectives over the next four years?



Proposed Early 2024 Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Engagement

Timing	Proposed Topics, Focus
January 4, 2024	<p>RDG: Latest timeline, organizational approach.</p> <p>RPPP: Chapters 1 and 2, including existing conditions, regional goals, parks objectives.</p> <p>Focus: Priorities (policies and actions) to achieve objectives.</p>
February 1, 2024	<p>RPPP: Chapters 3 and 4, including System Plan and Siting and Acquisition Policy.</p> <p>Possible focus: Climate adaptation and mitigation.</p>
March 7, 2024	<p>RPPP: Chapters 5 and 6, including Planning and System Protection policies.</p> <p>Possible focus: Operations and maintenance challenge.</p>
April 4, 2024	<p>RPPP: Chapters 7 and 8, including Recreation Activities and Facilities and Finance policies.</p> <p>Possible focus: Demographic changes, completing the system.</p>
May 2, 2024	<p>Focus: Present overview of 60% draft plan.</p>



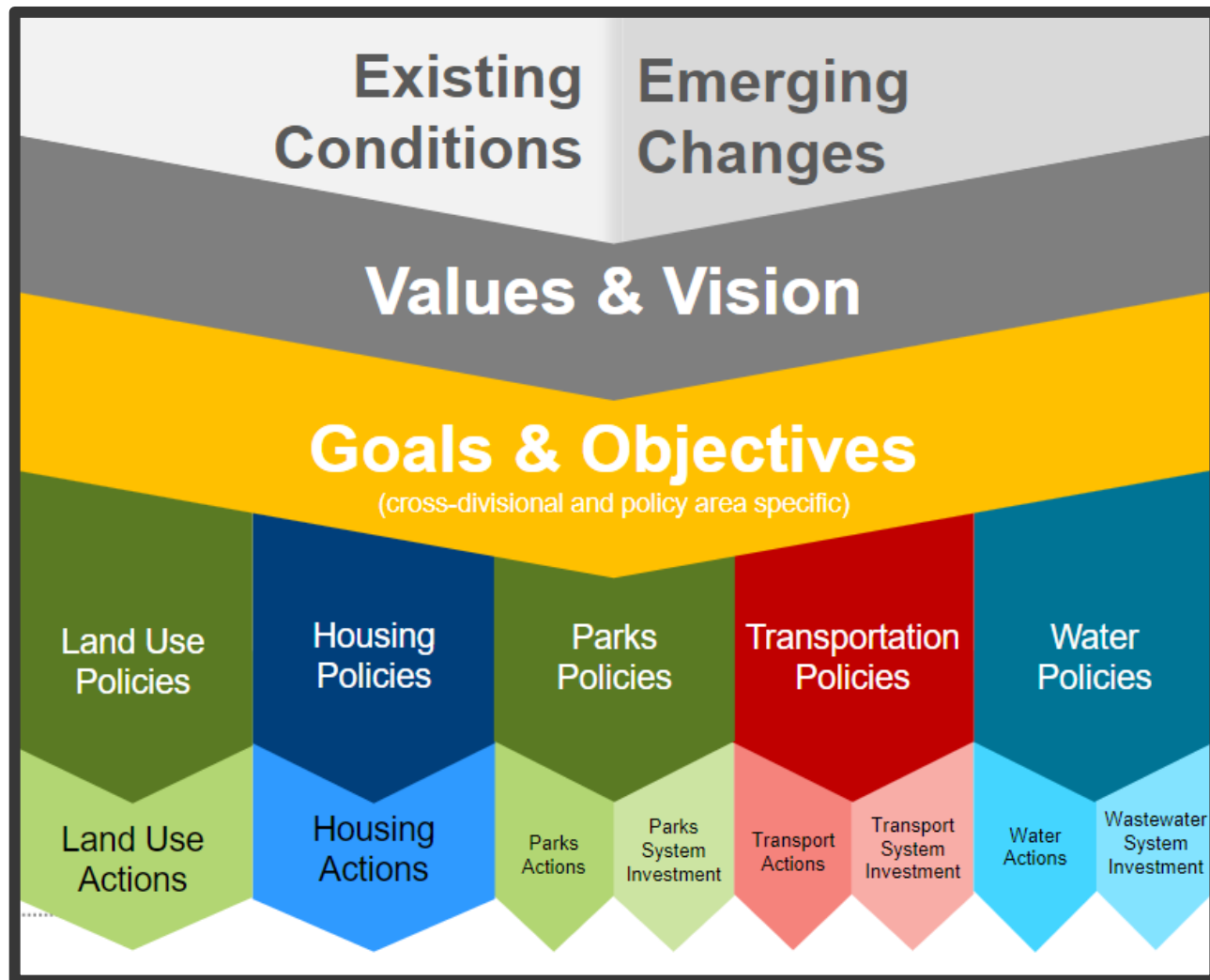
Schedule for Finalizing the Regional Development Guide

Timing	Milestone
August 14, 2024	Council authorizes release for public comment
August 15, 2024	Public comment draft posted
September 25, 2024	Public hearing
October 7, 2024	Comment period closes
Varies	Final public comment reports prepared
February 12, 2025	Council adoption



Regional Development Guide – Structure and Goals

Structure



Goals

Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive

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

Our Communities are Healthy and Safe

All our region's residents live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, 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, accessibility, 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 our region

Draft Regional Parks and Trails Objectives

WORKING REGIONAL GOALS

Our region is equitable and inclusive

Our communities are healthy and safe

Our region is dynamic and resilient

We lead on addressing climate change

We protect and restore natural systems

DRAFT PARKS OBJECTIVES

Equity
Better connect people with community, natural, and cultural resources in order to support physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Infrastructure
People can rely on renewed, repaired, and replaced park and trail infrastructure.

Climate and Natural Systems
Preserve and restore natural systems at regional parks and trails to help build a more resilient region.

Meeting Future Needs
Acquire land and develop new opportunities to meet the region’s growing demand for regional parks and trails.

EXISTING PARKS POLICIES

Siting and Acquisition
Identify lands with high-quality natural resources that are desirable for Regional Parks System activities and put these lands in a protected status, so they will be available for recreational uses and conservation purposes in perpetuity.

Planning
Promote master planning and help provide integrated resource planning across jurisdictions.

System Protection
Protect public investment in acquisition and development by assuring that every component in the system is able to fully carry out its designated role as long as a need for it can be demonstrated.

Recreation Activities and Facilities
Provide a regional system of recreation opportunities for all residents and visitors while conserving the integrity of the natural resource base within the Regional Parks System on which these opportunities depend.

Finance
Provide adequate and equitable funding for the Regional Parks System units and facilities in a manner that provides the greatest possible benefits to the people of the region.

Objectives, Policies, and Actions – Pair and Share

How do we achieve these objectives over the next four years?

- What are the **priorities**?
- What **policies** and **actions** do we and/or regional park implementing agencies need to take on to achieve the objectives?





Thank you

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