

2050 Regional Development Guide

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee



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Planning for Regional Growth



Today's Discussion

- Regional Planning
- Planning for growth and development
- Regional Vision and Values
- Transportation Policy Plan Update
- Discussion and Next Steps

10-Year Regional Planning Cycle

Plan Implementation (Ongoing)
Communities formally adopt and begin to implement authorized local plans, amending as needed to adapt to changing local conditions.

2050 Local Comprehensive Plans (2025 – 2028)
Cities, townships, and counties prepare comprehensive plans as required by state statute. Plans are informed by the regional development guide, system & policy plans, and system statements. The Council provides tools & resources to assist communities, and reviews and authorizes local plans.



System Statements Issued to Local Governments (2025)
The system statement is a customized document informing each community in the region how it is affected by the Council's plans for regional systems.

Decennial Census (2020)
Census data is used to develop long-term forecasts at least once a decade for the regional development guide. Forecasts include future population, households, and employment for the region and each community in the region.

2050 Regional Development Guide and System & Policy Plans (2022 – 2025)
The regional development guide is the 30-year plan for the growth and development of our region. It reflects concerns and aspirations, anticipates future needs, and addresses our responsibility to future generations. It includes all of the plans of the Council for regional parks & trails, transportation & aviation, water resources, housing, and land use.

Statute Requires Development Guide ⁽¹⁾

Metropolitan Land Planning Act (Minn. Stat. 473.145)

The Metropolitan Council shall prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and such public hearings as may be necessary, **a comprehensive development guide** for the metropolitan area...

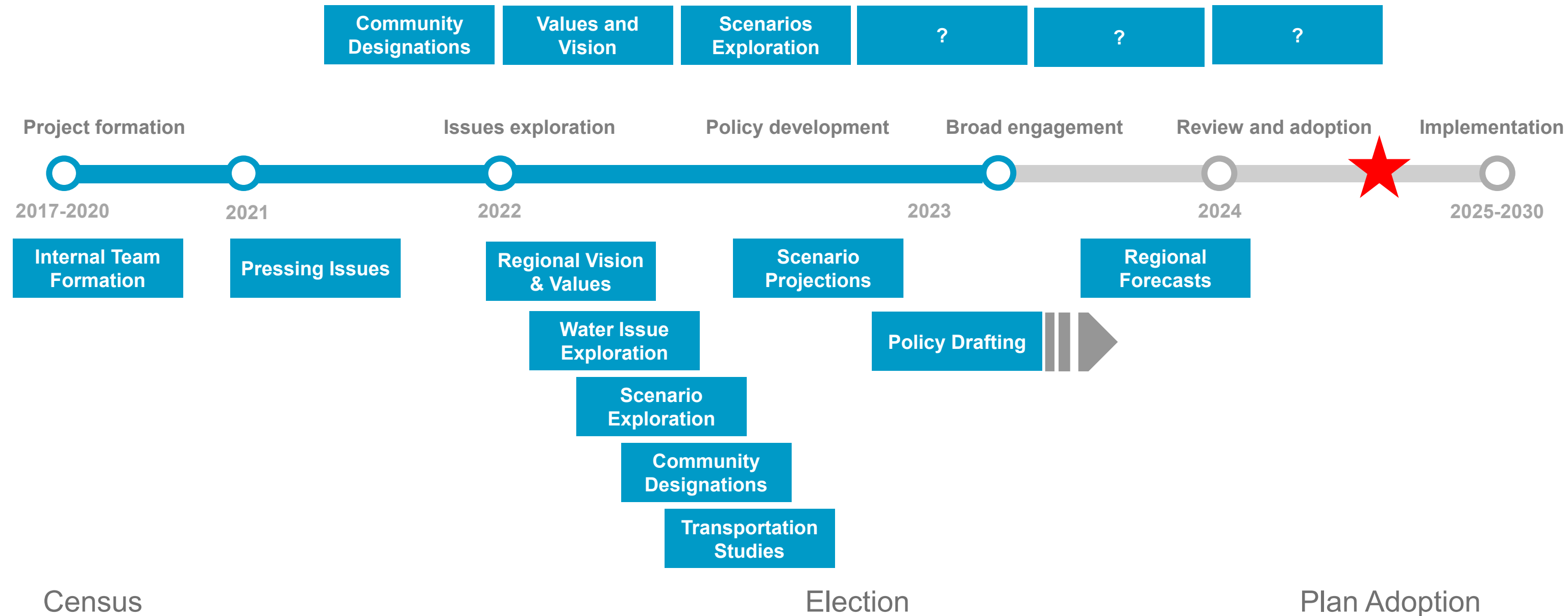
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... It shall consist of a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs, and maps **prescribing guides for the orderly and economical development, public and private, of the metropolitan area.** The comprehensive development guide shall recognize and encompass **physical, social, or economic needs of the metropolitan area** and those future developments which will have an impact on the entire area including but not limited to such matters as **land use, parks and open space land needs, the necessity for and location of airports, highways, transit facilities, public hospitals, libraries, schools, and other public buildings.**

Path toward 2050 Plans

Regional Development Guide, System Plans and Policy Plans



Existing
Conditions

Emerging
Changes

Values & Vision

Goals & Objectives

(cross-divisional and policy area specific)

Land Use
Policies

Housing
Policies

Parks
Policies

Transportation
Policies

Water
Policies

Land Use
Actions

Housing
Actions

Parks
Actions

Parks
System
Investment

Transport
Actions

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Water
Actions

Wastewater
System
Investment

Our work reflects the region’s existing conditions and emerging changes

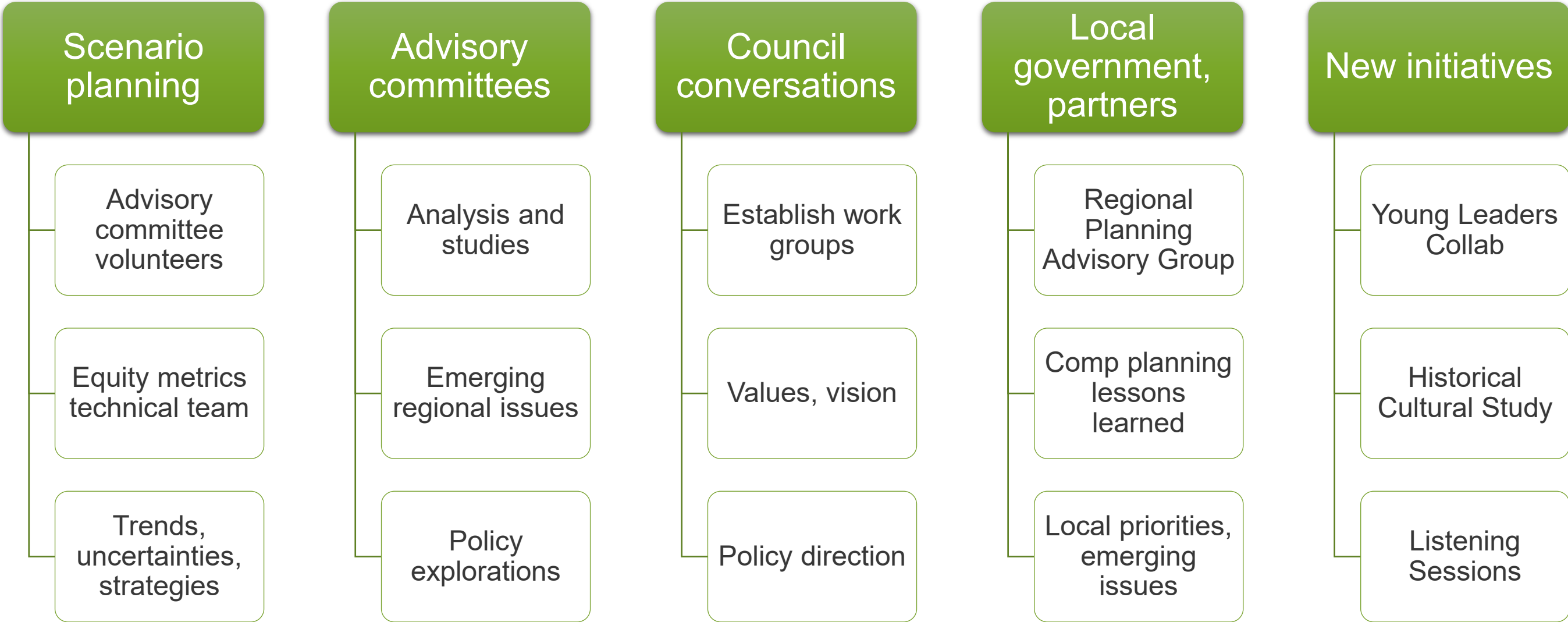
Our shared values reflect the core beliefs that guide how we work toward the vision of what we want to achieve.

The goals and objectives articulate desired end states and achievable results that advance toward them, to achieve the vision.

Policies set the intent and approach to regional issues that will help achieve goals and objectives – policies clarify expectations for both Council and partners.

Policies are implemented through specific actions by the Council and partners..

Early-stage engagement



Engagement

Ongoing work

- Local governments and established partners
- Sector Representatives
- Standing meetings/groups
- Council meetings, Committees, and Work Groups
- Cross-divisional collaboration
- Professional organizations and conferences

Broad Engagement

- Targeted and Specific Outreach
- Topic-based Engagement
- Constituent Cohorts
- Virtual Town Halls
- Surveys/Forms or other electronic feedback

New Efforts with Existing Partners

- Regional Planning Advisory Group with Metro Cities
- Tribal Consultation and urban Indian organizations
- Center for Economic Inclusion and Greater MSP
- Governor's Council on Age-Friendly MN
- Local Planning Stories shared by city, township, or county staff
- Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at UofM

New Initiatives

- Young Leaders Collab
- Historical-Cultural Study
- Land Use Policy Cohorts
- Rural Focus Groups with MN Dept of Ag
- Climate and Natural Resources Policy Focus groups
- Environmental Justice Framework Advisory Group

Young Leaders' Identified Issues

Affordability

- Linked to housing quality, cultural connection, safety and more
- Affordable housing choices result in lost opportunities for youth development
- Immigrants face unique challenges
- Region-wide, affects equity, public health, safety, well-being

Transportation Infrastructure

- Pedestrian and cyclists hurt
- Multimodal transportation options needed in suburb/ suburban edge
- Youth particularly affected because they don't drive
- Affects equity, safety, public health

Community Connection

- Need for social connection, belonging, being seen
- Small businesses vital
- Need "social infrastructure" to create connection
- Unique, important dimension of public health, wellbeing

Parks Essential

- Highly valued for community connection, mental health
- Litter and pollution a concern, prevents access.[O&M funding]
- Valued activities include environmental education, family connection, socializing
- Related to all cross-cutting issues

Land & Habitat Conservation

- Farmland protection highly valued, "once it's gone, it's gone."
- Habitat conservation in land use, Council construction work, transit stops
- Community gardens encouraged through land use policy
- Relates to all cross-cutting issues

Water

- Water recreation key to quality of life, but inequitable
- Water quality and accessibility mentioned as key to "important places" in youth lives
- Support policies to regulate and monitor water quality
- Relates to all cross-cutting issues

Questions

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