



# 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Goals

Next Steps, Drafting Approach, and Relationship to Policies and Actions



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# Process for Setting Regional Transportation Goals

## Multi-factor Process



“If everything is important, then nothing is important.”

# Goal Concepts and Implementation

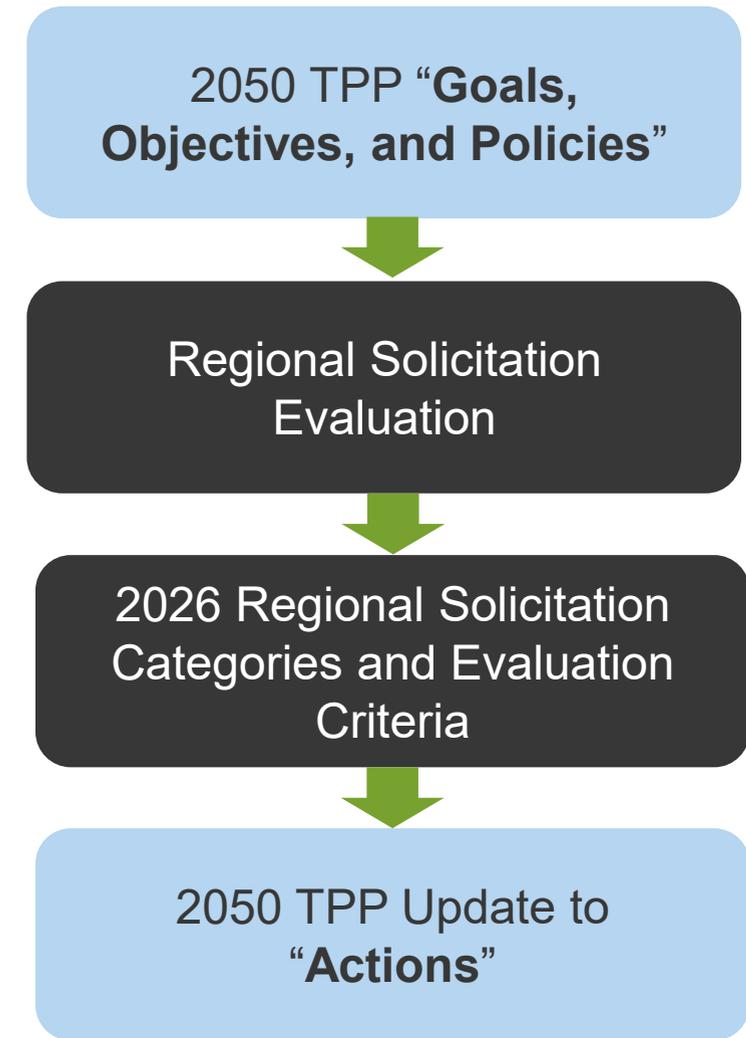
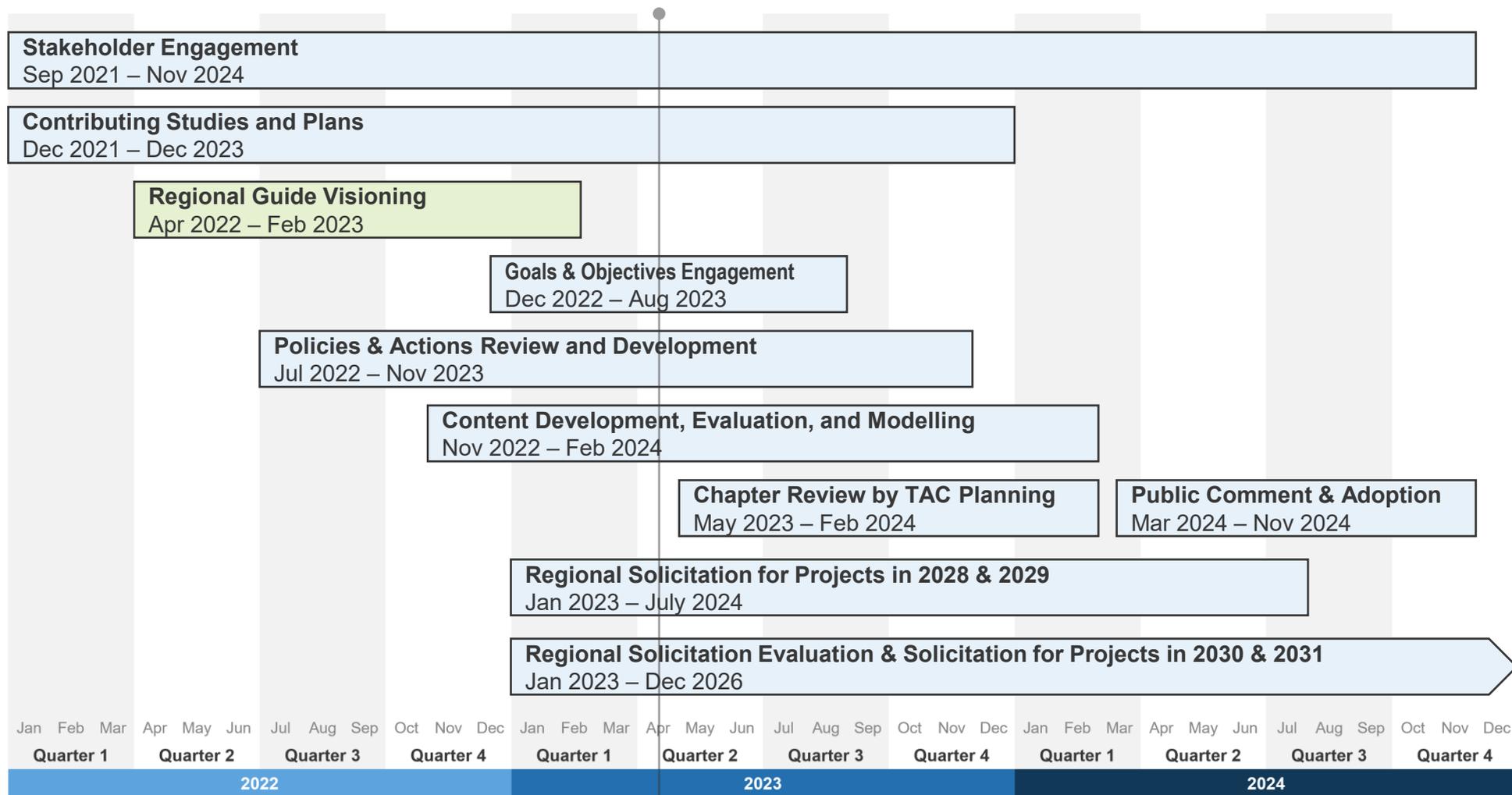
## Investment Direction

- Goals and objectives drive policies and actions
- Policies and actions drive regional investments
  - MnDOT and the state highway system
  - Transit providers and transitways
  - County, city and other local government projects through the Regional Solicitation

## Planning Direction

- Goals and objectives drive policies and actions
- Policies and actions drive planning reviews and coordination across partners
  - Review regionally significant projects from all partners for potential regional impacts
  - Review plans from all partners for conformance, consistency, and compatibility

# Relationship to the Regional Solicitation Evaluation, 2023-2026



# Priority Goal Concept

## Safety is Top Priority Goal

### Example Goal and Objectives

**Goal** – The regional transportation system is safe and secure for all users.

**Objective** – Eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes.

**Objective** – All travelers feel comfortable and welcome using the system.

### Example Policies

**Policy** – Prioritize investments that reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.

**Policy** – Prioritize investments that improve the comfort of traveling by transit, bike, walking, or rolling.

### Example Action Option #1

**Action** – Met Council and TAB provide a fatal and serious injury reduction **investment category** in the Regional Solicitation

**OR**

**Action** – Met Council and TAB **assign 50% of points** to addressing contributing factors to fatal and serious injury crashes.

# Priority Goal Concept #2

## Multimodal Investment is a Top Priority Goal

### Example Goal and Objectives

**Goal** – The availability and quality of multimodal travel options are better for people of all ages and abilities.

**Objective** – Provide high-quality bikeway facilities that serve regional travel needs.

**Objective** – Increase access to destinations using transit, biking or walking.

### Example Policies

**Policy** – Prioritize the implementation of the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) using regional transportation funds.

### Example Action Option #1

**Action** – Met Council and TAB provide an RBTN investment category in the Regional Solicitation.

OR

**Action** – Met Council and TAB assign 50% of points in multiuse trails category to addressing priority corridors and alignments on the RBTN.

# Secondary Goal Concept

## Climate Change Mitigation is a Secondary Goal

### Example Goal and Objectives

**Goal** – The region’s contributions to climate change are minimized by reduced total greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.

**Objective** – 50% of vehicles on the region’s transportation system are zero emission by 2050.

**Objective** – Vehicle miles traveled per capita are reduced by 20% by 2050.

### Example Policies

**Policy** – Prime the private sector by investing in electric vehicle infrastructure in key regional corridors and destinations.

**Policy** – Evaluate all transportation projects for their VMT impact and prioritize projects that reduce or minimize the growth in VMT.

### Example Actions

**Action** – Met Council, MnDOT, TAB and other partners **invest \$50 million per year** in infrastructure through a variety of funding programs.

**Action** – Met Council and TAB **establish a rule** that all Regional Solicitation projects must report their VMT impacts and **assign 15% of points to VMT reduction**.

# Secondary Goal Concept #2

## Infrastructure Resilience is a Secondary Goal

### Example Goal and Objectives

**Goal** – The region’s transportation system withstands and recovers quickly from disruptions.

**Objective** – Provide resilient principal arterials that serve uninterrupted emergency and essential freight needs during extreme events.

**Objective** – Increase the ability for transportation assets to withstand extreme heat events.

### Example Policies

**Policy** – Invest in key regional corridors to harden infrastructure and improve resilience to natural and man-made events.

**Policy** – Invest in multimodal modernization projects that improve heat resilience.

### Example Actions

**Action** –Met Council and TAB **assign 15% of points to address flood risk mitigation** in roadway projects.

**Action** – MnDOT, Met Council, and TAB **assess heat impacts and invest in green infrastructure** that mitigates heat on or along all roadway projects.

Thank you

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