



Update on Subregional Engagement for the Metro Area Water Supply Plan



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Goals for today



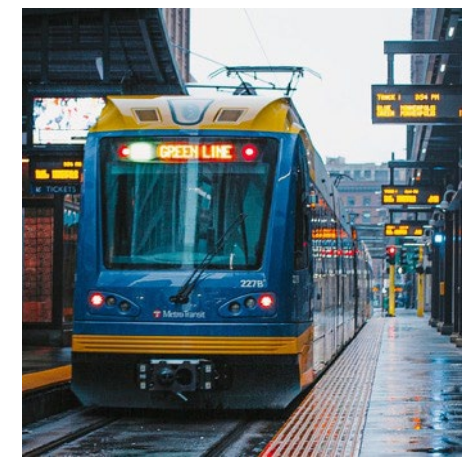
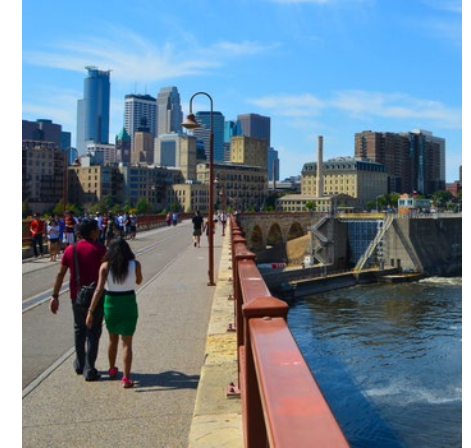
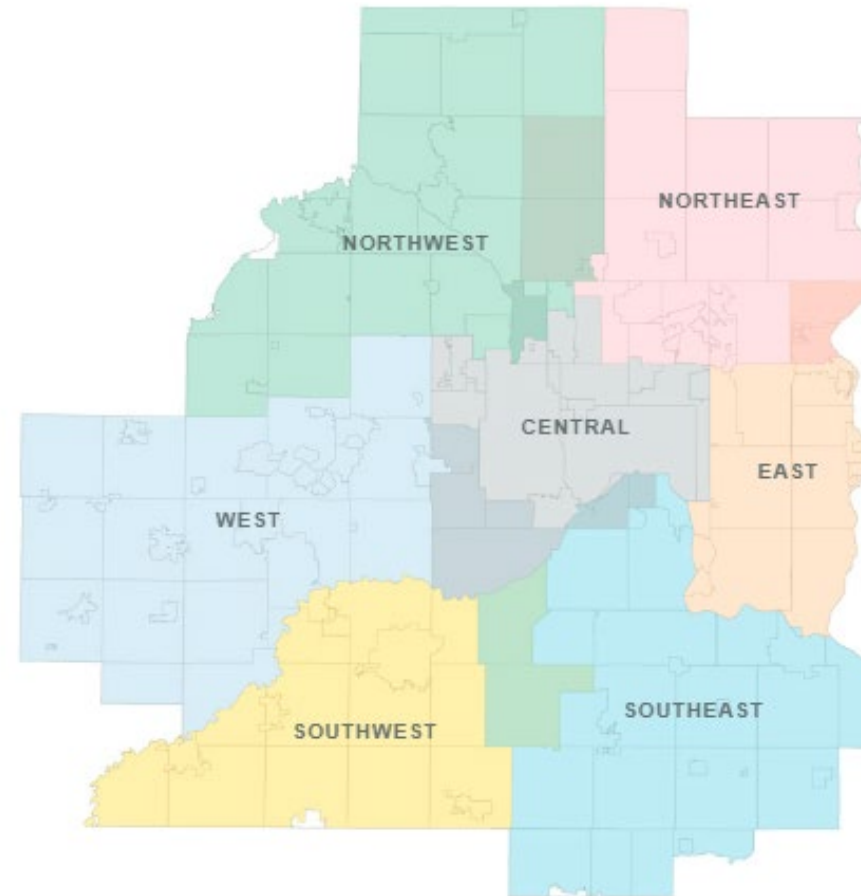
Topics

- Project purpose and approach
- Progress
- Next steps

Purpose of this effort

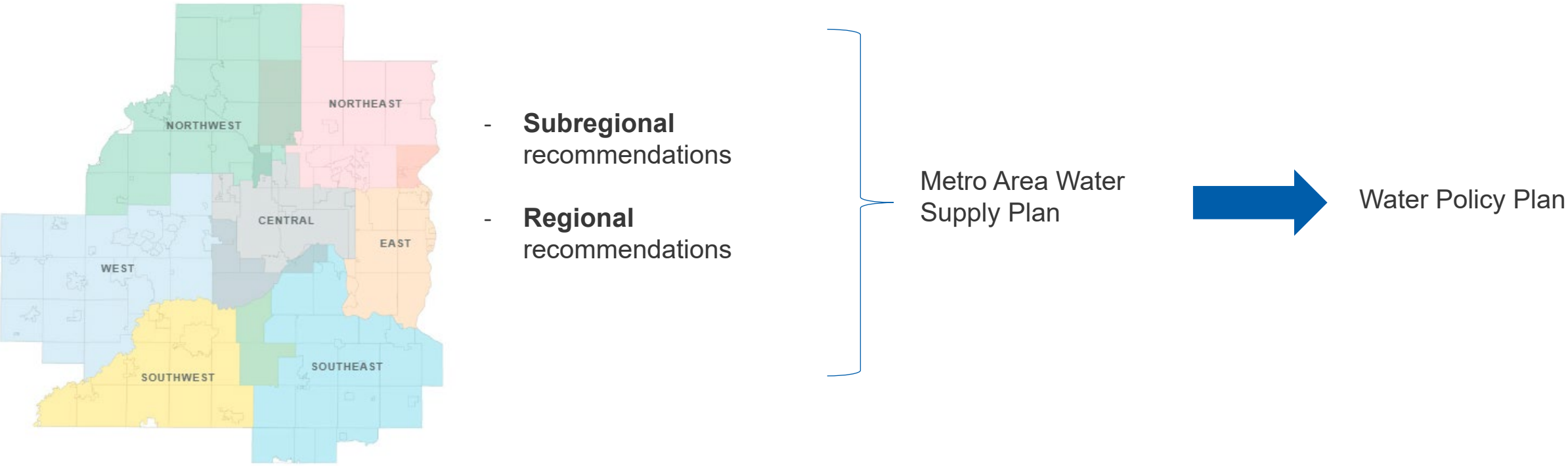
Build a shared understanding within each subregion of the following:

- Context and current conditions
 - Definition of success
 - Issues and barriers
 - Strategies to address them
 - Practices
 - Policies
 - Partnerships
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- Timeline/sequencing
 - Resources needed to sustain effort towards success over time



Using the input

"Asking a question is a promise to do something with the answer."



Relationships, trust, and a common path forward, leading to action

Reminder of approach

Gather data and design approach

- Determine subregion boundaries
- Harvest themes and information from completed work
- Identify internal leads for each subregion and collaboration approach
- Establish core teams for each subregion

May-June

Engagement within subregions

- Host core team kick-off
 - Add to participant list
 - Confirm how to host conversations
- Host broader stakeholder conversations (2-3 in each subregion)

July-December/January

Develop draft MWSP content

- Develop draft content for subregional chapters based on engagement
- Check for completeness and accuracy at MAWSAC/TAC and WAG, with subregional representation
- Articulate continued collaboration approach

December-March

Kickoff meetings



What does success look like for the plan itself?

- Shared vision or “line of sight” within subregions
- Actionable, implementable plan – something useful that makes a difference and can attract funding
- Collaboratively developed, with buy-in from all
- Enhanced relationships and trust between communities and with Met Council
- Reflects an integrated water management approach
- Prioritized actions, while still reflecting nuance within subregions
- Adaptive
- Connected to other subregions—not siloed
- Supporting informed decisions from a variety of actors, resulting in system and individual behavior changes

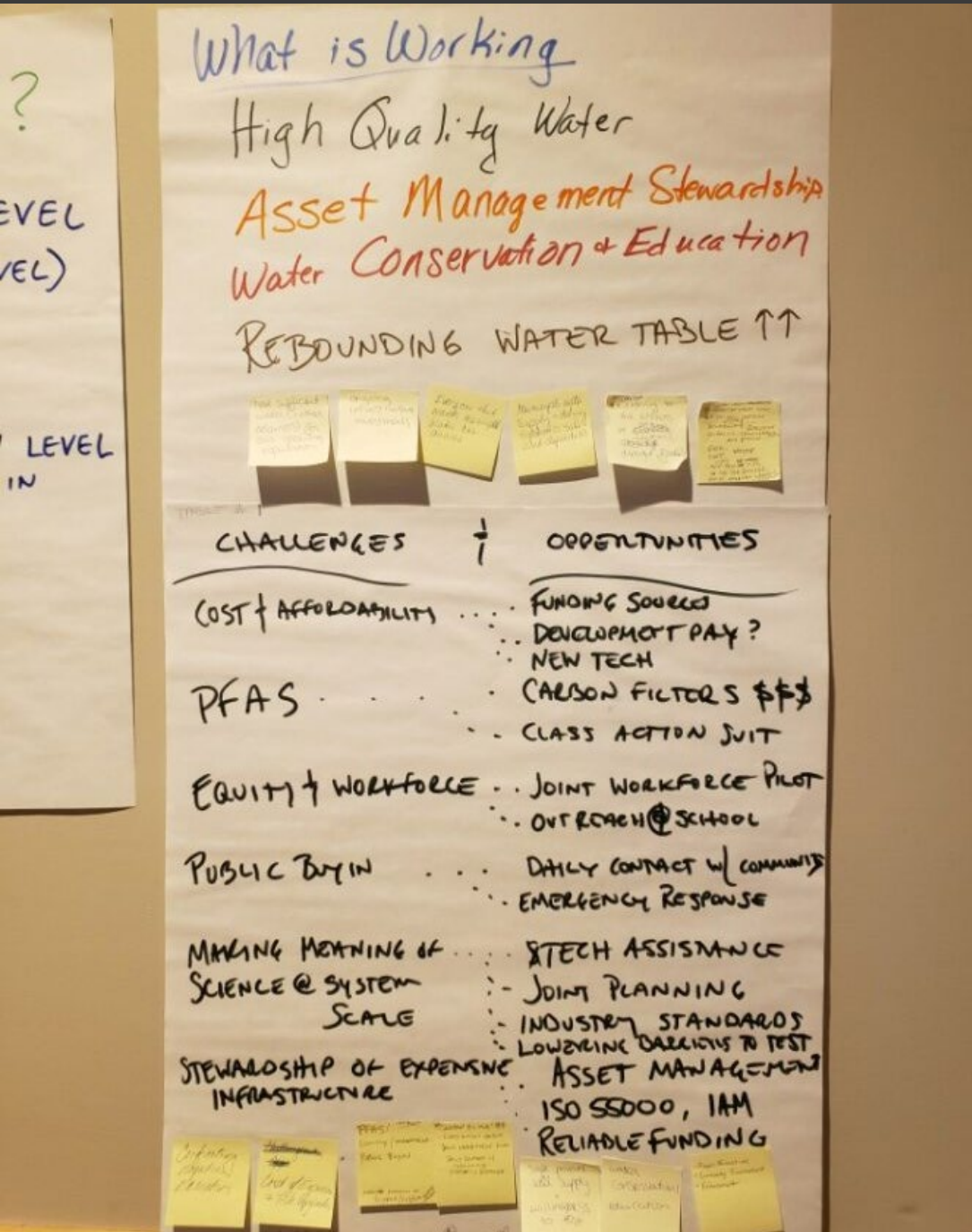
Subregional Workshops

Engagement is happening!

DATE	WORKSHOP
Oct. 30	East #1 (Done)
Nov. 30	Southwest #1 (Done)
Dec. 11	East #2 (Done)
Dec. 19	West #1 (Done)
Jan. 3	Northeast #1 (Done)
Jan. 4	Central #1, Southeast #1 (Done)
Jan. 11	West #2, Southwest #2
Jan. 19	Northwest #1, Southeast #2
Jan. 30	West #3
Feb. 5	Southeast #2
Feb. 7	Northeast #2
Feb. 8	Northwest #2



What challenges and opportunities do our communities want to focus on?



What we've heard so far

- Water reuse
- Aligning growth/land use and water supply planning
- Building trust and shared understanding
- Resources to address water quality concerns
- Addressing surface water-groundwater interaction
- Preparing for the next CEC
- Reducing chloride pollution
- Better vertical and horizontal coordination
- More relevant, actionable data
- Increased support for private well users as managers
- Water balance – more recharge, smarter use of water
- AND MORE!

Next steps for subregional engagement

Upcoming work

- Complete subregional workshops by mid-February
 - Jan 11: West Metro workshop 2
 - Jan 11: Southwest Metro workshop 2
 - Jan 19: Northwest Metro workshop 1
 - Jan 30: West Metro workshop 3
 - Feb 5: Southeast Metro workshop 2
 - Feb 7: Northeast Metro workshop 2
 - Feb 8: Northwest Metro workshop 2
 - (Central workshop 2 TBS)
- Draft subregional chapters of Metro Area Water Supply Plan with input from subregions
- Share relevant subregional input with Council policy writers
- Review draft subregional chapters at a February 29, 2024 workshop of all subregional groups

Thank you!

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