Information Item
2050 Transportation Policy Plan Advisory Work Group

Meeting Date: August 26, 2022

Topic
2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision, and Goals

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.145
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Overview
As we discussed at your first meeting in June, the Values, Vision, and Goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide (2050 RDG) will ground planning and policy development for the 2050 RDG and the Council’s four policy plans (i.e., 2050 Transportation Policy Plan, 2050 Water Resources Policy Plan, 2050 Regional Parks Policy Plan, and the Council’s Housing Policy Plan).

In June, we conducted small group exercise to obtain your input on how regional planning, including the transportation system, can or should inform the region’s vision. The summary of that exercise was shared with you previously and is included again here for reference. Although the five themes you discussed was a lot to cover, you shared a breadth of input that we would like to further explore.

Continued Small Group Conversations
We will again break into small groups and, for the sake of continuity, discuss the following themes again. However, this time you will choose a group to focus on just one of them.

• Equitable, affordable, and welcoming
• High quality and resilient environment
• Vibrant places and destinations
• Accessible and interconnected
• Prosperous and healthy

After the small group discussion, you will have a chance to share your thoughts and ideas with the larger group for reaction and feedback.

Preparation for Meeting
The attached presentation includes summary bullet points from the June conversation, plus questions to dive deeper into each theme. These are meant to be a guide and you will be welcome (as always) to bring up other thoughts or ideas.

You may also be interested in reviewing material related to the Metropolitan Council’s most recent Committee of the Whole meeting on August 17th. The format and questions at the meeting were somewhat different, but you may find the input and engagement helpful for preparation. Attached is a summary memo and results from a Mentimeter exercise from that engagement.
Follow-Up
The input the Advisory Work Group provides will be shared with the Metropolitan Council at an upcoming regular briefing on the Values, Vision, and Goals process. As we move forward, the Advisory Group will provide input on more concrete recommendations to the Metropolitan Council on what should be included and incorporated into the 2050 RDG Vision, Values, and Goals. This will include a consideration of the role of each transportation mode in the lives of the region’s residents and economy.

Thank you in advance and I very much look forward to our discussion.