Internal team identified the need for shared structure

Shared structure will help the Council…

- Organize how we approach policy development
- Better understand how our respective areas relate to one another
- Keep us on track as we work through the writing process
- Promote shared and consistent language around key plan elements

Consistent terms and definitions:

- Values
- Vision
- Goals (regional)
- Objectives
- Policies
- Actions
2040 Transportation Policy Plan

Existing Structure

- Outcomes (5 from *Thrive MSP 2040*) – Desired outcomes that define our shared regional vision.
- Principles (3 from *Thrive MSP 2040*) – Guide how the Council carries out its policies, both internally and externally, to advance outcomes.
- Transportation Goals (6) – A broad statement that describes a desired end state.
  - Stewardship
  - Safety and Security
  - Access to Destinations
  - Competitive Economy
  - Healthy and Equitable Communities
  - Leveraging Transportation to Guide Land Use
- Objectives (19) – A specific, measurable statement that support the achievement of goals.
- Strategies (58) – Actions that can or will be taken to address goals and objectives.
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This is new!
2050 TPP Schedule

- **2050 Metropolitan Development Guide Visioning**: 3/22 - 12/22
- **TPP Vision**: 9/1/22 - 1/9/23
- **Adapt TPP to MDG Framework**: 8/22 - 3/23
- **TPP Strategies and Policies Refinement**: 7/1/22 - 11/9/23
- **Stakeholder Engagement**: 1/1/22 - 11/25/24
- **Contributing Studies and Plans**: 12/20/21 - 12/31/23
- **Chapter Writing and Revision**: 5/1/23 - 2/23/24
- **Performance Eval & Modelling**: 10/23 - 3/24
- **Public Comment & Adoption**: 3/29/24 - 11/13/24
- **2024 Regional Solicitation Development**: 4/1/2023 - 4/1/2024

The next major Regional Solicitation update is scheduled for 2025 or 2026 and will not overlap the TPP schedule.
Policies and Actions Development

Proposed Approach

Phase I
- Evaluate existing 2040 TPP for potential policies
- Group them by functional area (e.g., mode or impact)
- Start to delineate the difference between policies and actions

Phase II
- Incorporate 2050 goals and objectives, begin reorganizing around them
- Identify gaps, opportunities, and redundancy in policies and actions
- Review results of other inputs including scenario planning, stakeholder engagement, and planning studies

Phase III
- Develop new policies and actions
- Reduce, combine, or eliminate bloated or unnecessary policies and actions
- Further engage on policies and actions as a “draft list,” continuing to refine as 2050 TPP evolves until final adoption
Policies and Actions Development (2)

Considerations

Phase I
• Previous TPPs
• Existing 2040 TPP strategies
• 2040 TPP investment chapters

Phase II
• Considering existing practice or de facto policies
• Needs from goals and objectives, scenario planning, local plans

Phase III
• Collaboratively creating original content
• Look to peer regions, agencies, local governments

A woodsman was once asked, “What would you do if you had just five minutes to chop down a tree?” He answered, “I would spend the first two and a half minutes sharpening my axe.”

“The essence of strategy is choosing what not to do.”

-Prof. Michael Porter
Policies and Actions Development (3)

Opportunities for Streamlining

- Focus on the two primary roles of the Transportation Policy Plan
  - Guiding the orderly and economic development of the metro area (Comp Plans)
  - Guiding regional investments in or affecting the regional transportation system

- Make sure we say what is important and what are priorities first and clearly

- Identify actions by acting entity, providing more clarity on what is expected of regional transportation partners
Phase I
Approach
Examples
### Potential 2050 TPP Content

**Policy:** Build a network of transitways.

**Met Council**
- Aggressively seek competitive federal funding for capital costs.
- Ensure all projects are consistent and included in the TPP Current Revenue Scenario.

**Counties**
- Plan for and provide local funding for capital and operating costs.
- Corridor planning to determine a locally preferred alternative.

**Cities**
- Adopt land use plans with appropriate densities and activity levels near stations.
- Plan for and implement transportation projects that facilitate access to and use of transitways.

### Existing 2040 TPP Content

**Strategy:** Invest in an expanded network of transitways that includes bus rapid transit, light rail, and commuter rail...

**Action:** Lead local corridor studies for transitway investments.

**Action:** Proactively plan land use around potential transitways with the requirements...
Example #1

Potential 2050 TPP Content

**Objective:** By 2040 the transportation system will meet state of good repair targets.

**Policy:** System preservation is the top investment priority.

**Action:** Transportation partners will coordinate to maintain and operate shared facilities, including setting priorities for snow, ice, and debris removal.

Existing 2040 TPP Content

**Objective:** Efficiently preserve and maintain the regional transportation system in a state of good repair.

**Strategy:** Regional transportation partners will place the highest priority for transportation investments on strategically preserving, maintaining, and operating the transportation system.

**Strategy:** Cooperate with MnDOT, regional transit providers, and regional parks implementing agencies in maintaining and operating shared and multimodal transportation facilities, including setting priorities for snow, ice, and debris removal.
Next Steps

2050 Plan Structure

• Vision, Values, Goals, and Objectives
  • Continued engagement with Council Members, staff, and external partners to guide initial drafts
  • Upcoming project to engage on transportation goals and objectives late 2022-early 2023

• Policies and Actions
  • Two discussions at the 2050 TPP Technical Working Group in Aug and Oct on existing policies and gaps
  • Initial discussion at this group next meeting (late Oct/early Nov)
  • Picking up Phase II likely in early 2023
Thank you

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