Information Item

Transportation Policy Plan Advisory Work Group

Meeting Date: December 16, 2022

Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide Values, Vision, and Goals

Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.145
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Michael Larson, Planning Analyst, 651-602-1407
Division/Department:	Community Development / Regional Planning

Background

Staff have conducted numerous engagement activities with the Metropolitan Council and various advisory groups to identify shared regional values, components of a regional vision, and potential goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide. Based on input to date, staff are developing a working document of regional values and vision statements for Council review, discussion, and use for further engagement. A working draft for discussion will be presented to the Council in early January. The development of regional goals based on the regional vision will commence next year and be informed by future stakeholder engagement.

Regional Values

Values are core beliefs or principles that guide our work. The challenge in identifying shared values is that different people value different things. However, certain themes have emerged that support the cross-cutting issues and the need for effectively working together and with others.

The following value terms are grouped in theme areas:

- Equity, justice, cultural competence, respect, and compassion
- Leadership, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and innovation
- Transparency, effectiveness, and accountability
- Stewardship, sustainability, and resilience

Significant Cross-Cutting Regional Issues

In consultation with the Council's policy and technical leads, and in reviewing what we have heard through this first phase of engagement and in other planning work, staff had identified four cross cutting issues of regional significance. They are significant policy and programmatic areas that are not the sole responsibility of any one division. They represent potential areas of policy collaboration and identification of shared regional goals. Consequently, they will be reflected throughout the regional vision and our policy plans.

- Equity
- Climate
- Natural Systems
- Public Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

Regional Vision

Vision is what we want to achieve for the region. State statue empowers the Council to develop a

comprehensive development guide prescribing the orderly and economical development of the metropolitan area. The cross-cutting issues impacts all this work, but the following will be addressed in the proposed vision language. They include aspects of development and characteristics of development. We will "anchor" the vision in the people, communities, and places we love and call home.

Regional Development Issues

- Growth management
- Housing needs
- Commerce & industry
- Parks and open space
- Water resources
- Other natural resources

Regional System Considerations

- Transportation
- Wastewater
- Regional Parks

Contextual Issues

- Accessibility and affordability
- Shared economic prosperity
- Welcoming and Inclusive

"Anchoring" Principles

- People
- Communities
- Places

TPP Advisory Work Group Feedback

On December 16th, we will ask for your feedback and reflection on a compilation of input (on following pages) that we summarized based on engagement with you on June 29th and August 26th. We use the value groupings and cross-cutting issues to organize this synopsis.

We will ask for your feedback the following:

- Value Areas:
    o Do the statements reflect what you as a group have shared previously?
    o Is something missing, or is a key idea not emphasized appropriately?
- Cross-Cutting Issues:
    o Do the statements reflect what you as a group have shared previously?
    o Do the statements represent the transportation system in a comprehensive and multimodal way? What is missing?
    o Do these statements fully integrate transportation with other issues of regional significance (e.g., housing, natural resources, economy, communities, etc.)?
    o Are certain ideas more important than others?

This further input and discussion will continue to help inform the development of the regional vision and will be shared with the Metropolitan Council.

Value Areas

Equity, justice, cultural competence, respect, and compassion

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- The regional transportation planning process should include leadership roles for BIPOC communities, tribal nations, communities with disabilities, seniors, and those with economic disadvantages.
- Planning for the transportation system should prioritize the removal of barriers to accessibility.
- Transportation programming should prioritize the repair of past harms.
- Transportation planning should mitigate risks of displacement due to market forces.

Leadership, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and innovation

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- Transportation planning and design should foster a sense of ownership, stewardship, and community.
- The transportation planning process should reflect the needs of different types of users including those involved in economic supply chains.
- Research and technology should drive innovations in ways that reduce GHG, enhance the efficiency of systems, and increase both accessibility and reliability.
- The transportation planning process should be informed by ongoing community engagement, relationship building, and shared decision making.
- The transportation planning process should be informed by ongoing research into evolving travel behavior and needs.

Transparency, effectiveness, and accountability

This is an area where additional input from the TPP Advisory Work Group is welcome.

Stewardship, sustainably, and resilience

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- The transportation system should be high quality, low-maintenance, and consider future needs related to our region's communities and economy.
- Transportation planning should be integrated with natural resource planning.

Cross-Cutting Issues

Equity

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- The transportation system will provide affordable, reliable, and convenient access to destinations throughout the region for those who rely on transit, paratransit, walking, and rolling.
- The regional transportation planning process will include leadership roles for BIPOC communities, tribal nations, communities with disabilities, seniors, and those with economic disadvantages.

Climate

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- High quality transit and non-motorized investments will support shifts from SOV travel.
- The region will invest in technologies and services that reduce GHG and VMT.

Natural Systems

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- Transportation planning and implementation will protect, enhance, and restore natural systems impacted by rights-of-way.
- Winter maintenance of transportation surfaces will minimize the use of salts or other practices that impair water quality.

Public Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

These are related ideas that we heard from the TPP Advisory Work Group:
- The transportation system will support the orderly and economical development of the region, including the needs of freight and industry.
- The transportation system will support access to housing, services, recreation, and other community needs throughout the region.
- Transportation rights-of-way and investments will create opportunities to support multiple modes, increase accessibility, and improve "last mile" connections for communities.
- The transportation system will be safe for its users and patrons.

Metropolitan Council