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Topic
2050 Regional Development Guide: Working Statement of Regional Core Values and Regional Vision

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Overview
At its meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 1, 2023, the Metropolitan Council informally endorsed the attached Working Statement of Regional Core Values and Regional Vision as part of the process for developing the next regional development guide. It was informed by numerous discussions including the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Advisory Work Group and TPP Technical Working Group.

Council staff have begun to use this tool to inform further engagement and goal setting. The Council will only adopt this language when it adopts the 2050 Regional Development Guide in late 2024. As such, this language will continue to be refined over the course of engagement and policy development. However, we believe this language broadly captures the most important issues and opportunities facing our region.

Please note the following when reviewing this working document:

- Stakeholder input has often been very broad or very specific. More specific ideas may be incorporated later as we develop goals, policies, strategies, and programs.
- The Council sought to create a balanced yet inspirational tone that highlights the region’s strengths as well as acknowledges its challenges.
- Terms or ideas in the language may require further discussion, definition, and clarification. This document is intended to be at a high-level; and we will continue to seek and incorporate your input as we elaborate through the policy development process and create shared definitions.

Prior Advisory Work Group Input
The attached document provides a summary of previous TPP Advisory Work Group (TPP AWG) in context with the Council-endorsed values and vision statements. We hope this is a useful tool to demonstrate the following:

- The TPP AWG provided valuable transportation-related insight into the broader statements of regional values and vision.
- The input provides transportation-related articulation of the values and vision statements (though not necessarily a complete articulation).
- As we begin to articulate cross-cutting goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide, and transportation-specific goals for the TPP, we should keep this language and prior input in mind.