

2050 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN ADVISORY WORK GROUP

SUMMARY OF INPUT INTO WORKING REGIONAL VALUES AND VISION

Working Statement of Regional Core Values

Values are core beliefs or principals that guide the work of the Council, our expectations of partnerships, and our policy and program development. The Council has identified a set of core values that we believe are most important to the issues and opportunities that face the region...now and into the future.

Equity

We value the people and communities of our region. Our region is economically and culturally vibrant. We also recognize, however, the harm and disparities that injustices, including racism, have created.

We are dedicated to creating systems, policies, and programs that repair and heal past harm, foster an equitable future, and eliminate disparities. Communities that have been marginalized in the past will be at the center of this work in leadership roles.

TPP AWG Related Input

- The regional transportation planning process will include leadership roles for BIPOC communities, tribal nations, communities with disabilities, seniors, and those with economic disadvantages.
- Planning for the transportation system will prioritize the removal of barriers to accessibility.
- Transportation programming will prioritize the repair of past harms.
- Transportation planning will mitigate risks of displacement due to market forces.

Leadership

We value those in our region who inspire and motivate others for positive change. Our region is known for its civic engagement. We need broad leadership to help confront the significant challenges we face around equity, climate change, safety, and other pressing issues.

To maximize the potential of our region and its communities, we turn to leadership that is diverse, collaborative, culturally competent, and innovative. We encourage this kind of leadership across all sectors including business, government, non-profit, and education.

TPP AWG Related Input

- Transportation planning and design will foster a sense of ownership, stewardship, and community.
- The transportation planning process will reflect the needs of different types of users including those involved in economic supply chains.
- Research and technology will drive innovations that reduce GHG, enhance the efficiency of systems, and increase both accessibility and reliability.

Accountability

We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes. Our region is known for its research, initiatives, and collaborations. We must be open to criticism and clearly understand when we are not achieving results or have harmed communities.

We recognize that we can maximize our effectiveness by being in partnership with others. We will also be transparent and flexible so that we can change course when needed.

TPP AWG Related Input

- The transportation planning process will be informed by ongoing community engagement, relationship building, and shared decision making.
- The transportation planning process will be informed by ongoing research into evolving travel behavior and needs.

Stewardship

We value our region's resources. Our resources include our natural, economic, and financial resources as well as our infrastructure. We recognize that these resources may be vulnerable over time to changing conditions, including from climate change.

We must design our systems and allocate our resources in ways that can be sustained over time and support the needs of future generations.

TPP AWG Related Input

- The transportation system should be high quality, well-maintained, and consider future needs related to our region's communities and economy.
- Transportation planning will be integrated with natural resource planning.

Working Regional Vision Statement

Our vision is what we want to achieve for the region through our policies, practices, programs, and partnerships.

Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming

Our quality of life is high by national standards but not all communities share in this. We envision a future where inequities and injustices have been eliminated and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

TPP AWG Related Input

- 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.

Our Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant

The wellbeing of our region depends on the strength and inclusiveness of our economy as well as the quality, safety, and reliability of our public infrastructure and services. We envision a future where all our region's residents can live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, agency, and wellbeing.

TPP AWG Related Input

- The transportation system will be safe for its users and patrons.
- 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.

We Lead on Addressing Climate Change

Our region leads on the critical issue of climate change. We envision a future where we have eliminated or mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient.

TPP AWG Related Input

- 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.

We Protect and Restore Natural Systems

Our region has world class parks and abundant natural resources. We envision a future where natural systems are increasingly protected, integrated, and restored to ensure a high quality of life for our growing region.

TPP AWG Related Input

- 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.