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2050 TPP Goal Chapters Preview

Healthy & Safe / Equitable & Inclusive Chapters

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Purpose of Goal Chapters

Bridge between 2050 Regional Development Guide and 2050 TPP

- Define the 2050 Regional Development Guide goals in transportation context and issues, tell a compelling story with:
 - Data and trends
 - Issues and needs
 - Transportation system role
- Provide context (i.e., the “why”) for the 2050 TPP objectives and performance measures
- Provide an overview of the plan’s approach to addressing the goal through policies, actions, and investment, but mostly point to topics described in other chapters.
- Think of these as chapters that policymakers would read as an executive summary to our approach, without lists or projects or investments.

Transportation Policy Plan Role



1

Investment Direction

- Evaluating projects of regional significance for their role in achieving goals and objectives
- Set policy basis for **prioritizing projects** in Regional Solicitation, MnDOT, and other competitive programs for their contributions to achieving goals and objectives, like prioritizing criteria, funding categories, and project requirements

2

Comprehensive Planning

- Provide **guidance to local governments** on how to evaluate and plan for a future that addresses the goals and objectives.
- Can include required plan elements and optional best practices

3

Informing Practice

- Provide guidance to transportation partners about addressing goals and objectives through projects and operations including tools, guides, evaluations

Our Communities are Healthy & Safe

All our region's residents live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of dignity and wellbeing.

Working Objectives



- People do not die or face life-changing injuries when using any form of transportation.
- People feel safer, more comfortable, and more welcome when using any form of transportation.
- We mitigate and avoid harms to people caused by nearby transportation infrastructure and use (e.g., air quality, noise).
- People are better connected to community and cultural resources that support their physical, emotional, and mental well-being.
- People can increase physical activity with more opportunities to walk, roll, or bike.

Importance of Safety Issues



Safety takes different forms

- Region and state are not meeting our goals for reducing fatalities and serious injuries – going in the wrong direction
 - Even though year-to-date crash fatality totals are down compared to the three-year average through October, those totals are still higher than each of the previous years from 2017-2019.
 - Increases in serious injuries for people walking and biking
 - Known racial disparities in traffic fatalities – higher rates for pedestrian deaths for Black and Native American residents
- Concerns about feeling safe and secure while using all modes



SAFE SYSTEM

APPROACH

Zero is our goal. A Safe System is how we will get there.

Imagine a world where nobody has to die from vehicle crashes. The Safe System approach aims to eliminate fatal & serious injuries for all road users. It does so through a holistic view of the road system that first anticipates human mistakes and second keeps impact energy on the human body at tolerable levels. Safety is an ethical imperative of the designers and owners of the transportation system. Here's what you need to know to bring the Safe System approach to your community.



Safety Policies & Actions



Policies and actions are being developed through a Policy Development Team and staff inputs.

- Draft policies are emerging from early work:
 - Safe system approach
 - Prioritize safety for people using public rights of way outside of vehicles
 - Context sensitive investments provide comfort for all users
 - Safe, secure, welcoming transit facilities
- Actions will likely focus on:
 - Investment direction, especially for Regional Solicitation
 - Infrastructure countermeasures and design
 - Providing support and building capacity
- Policy Development Workshops held in November & meetings this month on revisions
- Regional Safety Action Plan work will also influence these

Importance of Public Health



Health connects with transportation in many ways and with all modes

Transportation is a key social determinant of health.

- Works with socioeconomic status, education, housing, and other factors to influence health outcomes for populations
- Access to work, food, health care and supportive services, social connections
- System benefits go beyond physical access to destinations
 - Increased physical activity walking and biking, connected to transit
 - Relationship to mental health
- System impacts on people, such as air and noise pollution and traffic safety
 - Not just impacts from exhaust – tire and brake particles have relationship to heart and lung disease and are unregulated
 - Exposure to traffic noise is related to increased dementia risk, cardiovascular disease, sleep disturbances, cognitive issues

Public Health Policies and Actions



Policies and actions are being developed through a Policy Development Team and staff inputs.

- Draft policies are emerging from this work:
 - Place keeping and making connection with transportation
 - Reducing health impacts from transportation system
- Actions will likely focus on:
 - Data collection and maintenance
 - Coordination for key supportive services
 - Preventing, mitigating, and reducing health impacts
- Policy Development Workshops held in November & meetings this month on revisions

Other sections

Work Program

2024 Work Program

- Regional Safety Action Plan Study (cont.)
- TPP Goal Topic Workshops

TPP Work Program

- Research factors and recommendations to increase pedestrian safety around transit stops
- Complete Streets typology

Potential Performance Measures

- Federally-required safety measures will continue
- Perceptions of safety
- Active transportation mode participation rate
- Geographic isolation/intercommunity connectivity

Discussion



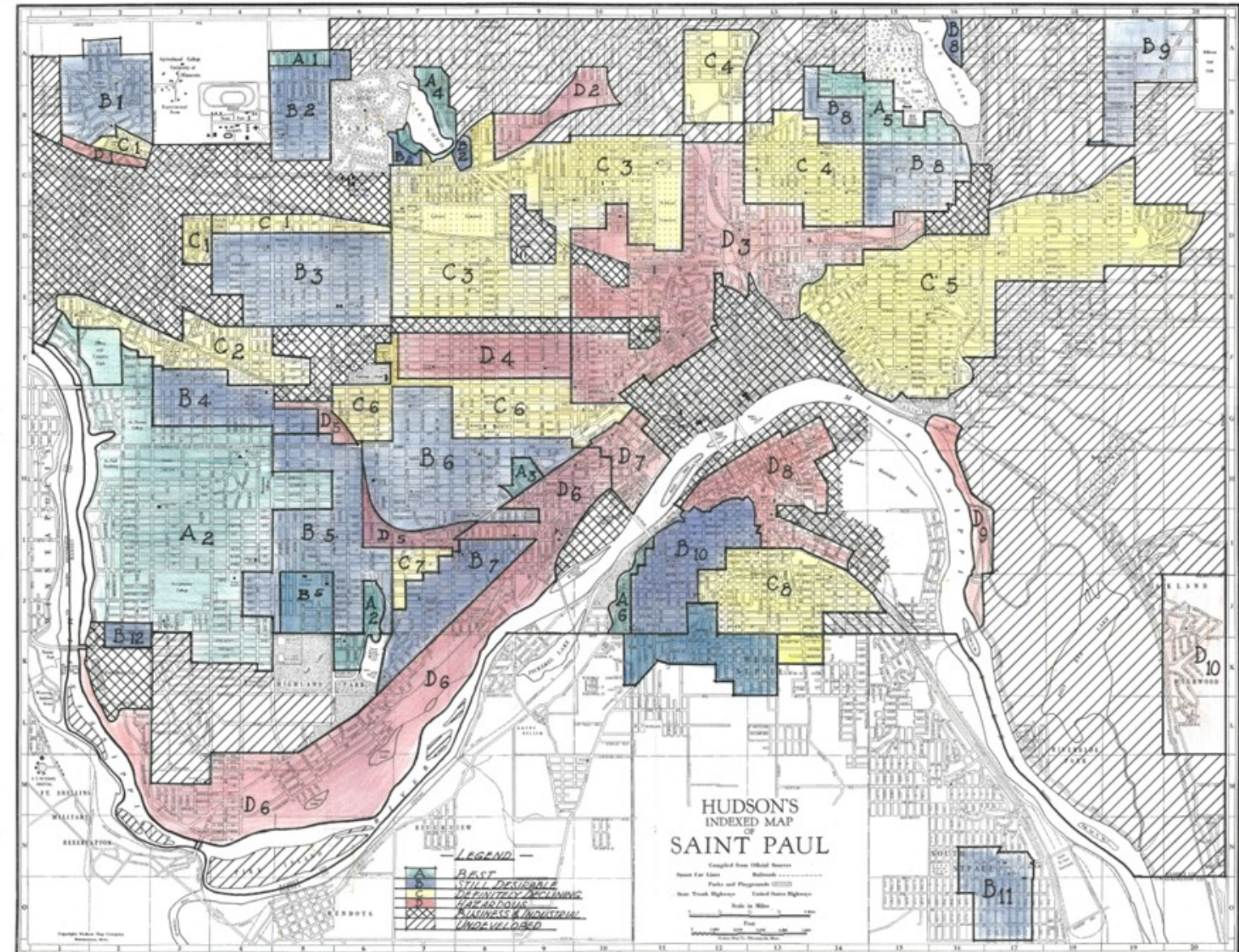
- Does this framing of the issue make sense? What's missing or unclear?
- How would you apply this to goal to policies, actions, and investments?
- How specific should this topic get in directing the Regional Solicitation Evaluation for 2026? Any specific recommendations?
- Any suggestions for the work program?

Our Region is Equitable & Inclusive

Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

Importance of Equity

- Acknowledgement of transportation's role with past and ongoing harms and inequities
- Recognizing the importance and benefits of transportation in connecting people in communities
- Structural inequities including spatial segregation and an auto dependent system, leading to disconnection and harms for some communities
- Region continues to have some of the largest racial disparities in the country



Equity in *Imagine 2050*

Equity is built into the values, vision, and goals of the working draft 2050 plan, evolving from how equity was included in *Thrive MSP 2040*.



Equity in *Imagine 2050* Values

Values

Values are the core beliefs that guide how the Council carries out work.

Vision

- Four statements on Equity, Leadership, Accountability, and Stewardship
- The Equity value statement reads:

Goals

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.

Objectives

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.

Policies & Actions

Equity in the *Imagine 2050* Vision

Values

Vision

Goals

Objectives

Policies &
Actions

The vision narrative states the overarching description of what we want to achieve for the region.

“We envision a healthy, just, and resilient region where future generations thrive and experience new opportunities supported by planning that results in economical services, housing affordability, clean water, thriving ecosystems, and safe, accessible transportation throughout the region.”

We envision an equitable future where our region’s residents, communities, and economy thrive. Through collaborative leadership and innovative planning, we will deliver equitable and affordable services and infrastructure; we will confront challenges, including those related to equity and climate change; and we will seize opportunities to ensure the wellbeing of our natural and built environments.”

Equity in the *Imagine 2050* Goals

Values

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Goals are broad directional statements that more specifically describe the desired end states for the region.

- **Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive.** Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.
- Our Communities are Healthy and Safe
- Our Region is Dynamic and Resilient
- We Lead on Addressing Climate Change
- We Protect and Restore Natural Systems

Equity in the 2050 TPP Objectives

Values

Vision

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Objectives are achievable results that advance each regional goal.

Three specific objectives were developed to advance the plan's Equitable & Inclusive Region goal.

- Historically disadvantaged communities are better connected to jobs, education, and other opportunities.
- We repair and eliminate disparate and unjust impacts and harms to Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color.
- We better meet the transportation needs of people who have disabilities or limited mobility.

RACIAL EQUITY FRAMEWORK



Framework application example

Blue Line Anti-Displacement Project

- **Community-Centered:** Partnered with community and government stakeholders in the Blue Line Extension Anti-Displacement Work Group, which developed recommendations for policy and implementation. Created vision to ensure the communities in the corridor receive the primary benefits of the project, looking beyond just transit.
- **Contextualized:** Intended to address potential displacement harms related to large public infrastructure investment
- **Reparative:** Working with government partners on implementation plan for policies that could help prevent displacement (housing, businesses, cultural) and address displacement that has already occurred from the Blue Line Extension



Policies & Actions

Policies and actions are being developed through an Equity Policy Development Team and staff inputs.

- Draft policies are emerging from this work:
 - Meet federal ADA standards and go beyond minimums to fully meet needs of people with disabilities
 - Community engagement at all phases of project planning and development
 - Continual evaluation of policies, programs and plans to ensure community impacts and benefits equitably distributed in the region
 - Mitigate and minimize negative impacts and displacement caused by regional transportation investments



Equity Evaluation of Regional Transportation Investments Study

Working with community to identify actions

- Community-based Equity Policy Group working with a consultant team will recommend how investment processes can change for more equitable processes, decision making, and outcomes
- This work is influencing draft policies and actions now
- Additional actions recommended by this group expected by May 2024; will influence revision to identified policies and actions

Study's working definition of equity

Transportation equity means benefits and burdens of transportation systems, services, and spending are fair and just, which historically has not been the case. Transportation equity requires acknowledging, addressing and rectifying past harms, particularly impacting underserved Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. It also calls for active intentional inclusion of underserved communities in shaping future transportation decisions.

Other sections

Work Program

2024 Work Program

- Freeway Harms Study
- TPP Goal Topic Workshops

TPP Work Program

- Application of tool developed in Equity Evaluation study to other project types and processes

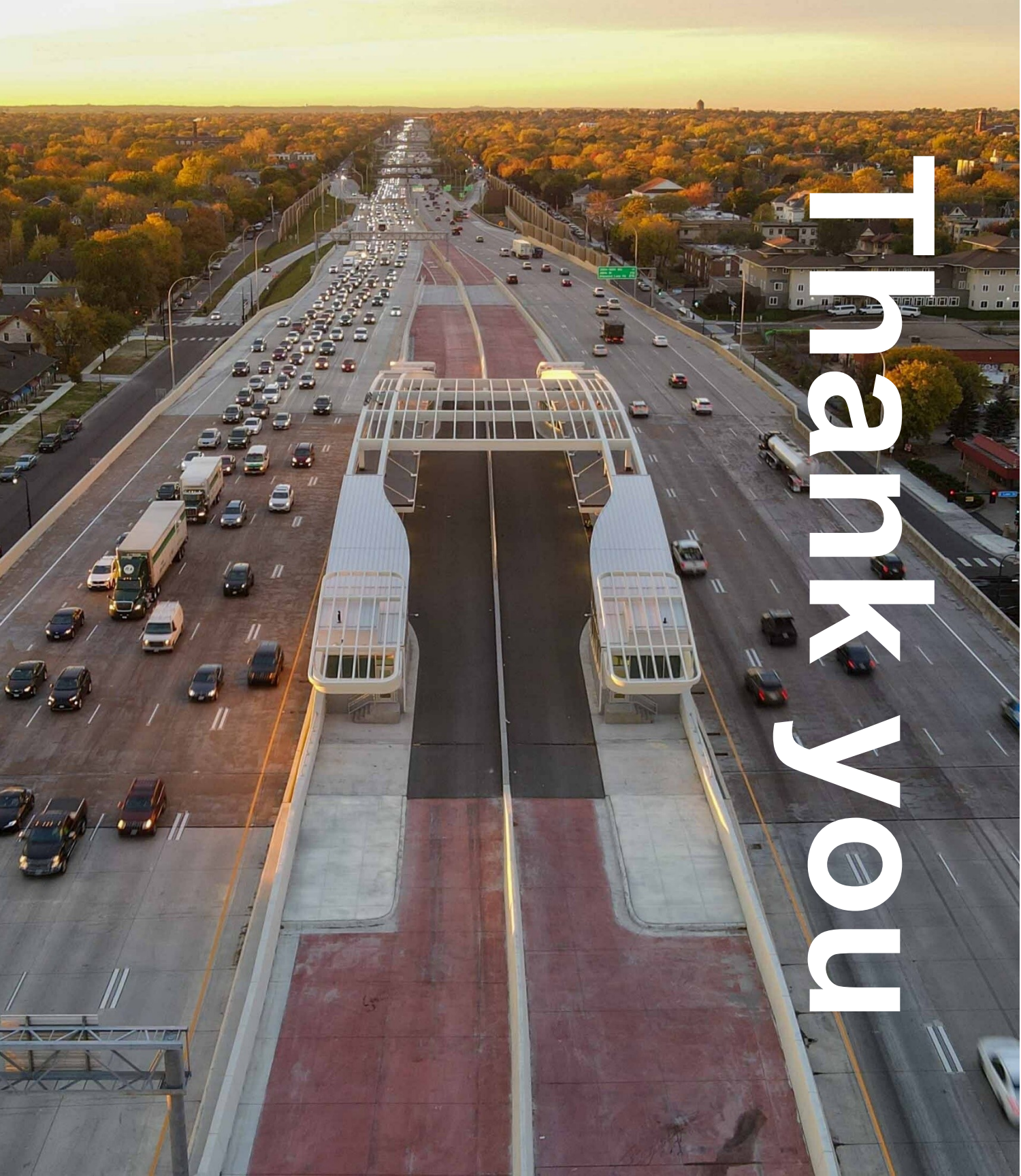
Performance Measures

- Still in development internally
- Will be presented at future meetings

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