Draft Land Use Objectives and Policies

Transportation Policy Plan Technical Working Group & Advisory Work Group

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Agenda

• Review of timeline, terms, and definitions
• Engagement updates
• Revised land use objectives
• Next steps
Imagine 2050 Timeline

- **Chapter Review**
- **Evaluation, Modeling & Mapping**
- **Document Prep & Actions to Release**
- **Comment Period**
- **Revisions**
- **Adoption**

- Q4 2023
- Q1 2024
- Q2 2024
- Q3 2024
- Q4 2024
- Q1 2025
Regional Plan Elements

1. Values
   Values are core beliefs or principles that guide the work of the Met Council, our expectations of partnerships, and our policy and program development.

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

3. Goals
   Our goals will broadly describe the desired end states that we want to achieve for the region.

4. Objectives
   For each area of Met Council responsibility, achievable results that advance each regional goal.

5. Policies
   Statement of the Met Council’s intent and approach to regional issues or topics, independently and in its roles with partners.

6. Actions
   Specific strategies or activities to implement policies and achieve goals.
Original Draft Land Use Objectives

Presented in November 2023

1. Minimize the amount of land needed to accommodate regional growth.
2. Maximize the development of places accessible for people by transit, bicycling, rolling, and walking.
3. Design places where all people feel safe and connected.
4. Maximize the preservation and restoration of natural systems at all scales of development.
5. Maximize housing choice within communities.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Prioritize land use and development patterns that strengthen local climate resilience.
Land Use Policy Engagement

Complete

- Young Leaders Collaborative
- Community Designations Focus Group
- Rural and Agricultural policy discussions

Ongoing

- Land Use Policy Cohorts
- Regional Planning Advisory Group
- RDG Work Group
- Metropolitan Council Committees
- Council Staff

Land Use takeaways from other engagement efforts

- Climate focus groups
- Housing technical advisory group
- Transportation Policy Plan engagement
- Subregional water supply workshops
Future Engagement Efforts and Initiatives

- Land Use technical advisory group; re-engaging with community organizations
- Local government engagement: One-on-ones, topic-based focus groups, CMs
- Population forecasts engagement
- Second regional land use cohort expands beyond youth
Revised Land Use Objectives
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Current as of February 20, 2024

1. Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.
2. Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.
3. People live in vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities.
4. Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.
5. Ensure that in all types of communities, people find housing opportunities that align with their needs.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.
8. Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.
#1 Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

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**KEY**
- Primary
- Secondary
#2 Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

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<td>Reduce vehicle trips, their cost, and duration</td>
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<td>Reduce GHG emissions related to transportation and land use</td>
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<td>Increase positive health outcomes</td>
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#3 Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

**Purpose and Desired Outcomes**

- **Equitable & Inclusive Region**
- **Healthy & Safe Communities**
- **Dynamic & Resilient Region**
- **Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience**
- **Natural System Protection & Restoration**

- Promote a sense of belonging and ownership of community
- Foster community connection
- Encourage the creation of spaces to gather, interact, and connect
#4 Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

- **Equitable & Inclusive Region**
  - Protect biodiversity

- **Healthy & Safe Communities**
  - Restore and enhance natural systems

- **Dynamic & Resilient Region**
  - Connect habitat corridors & enhance edge habitat

- **Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience**
  - Protect, restore, and enhance the region’s tree canopy

- **Natural System Protection & Restoration**
  - Build resilience through nature-based solutions

  - Incorporate meaningful natural systems benefits at all scales of development
#5 Ensure that in all types of communities, people find housing opportunities that align with their needs.

**Purpose and Desired Outcomes**

- **Equitable & Inclusive Region**
  - Lifecycle Housing
  - Diverse housing types in all communities

- **Healthy & Safe Communities**
  - Inclusive housing options (senior disability, multi-generational, etc)
  - Neighborhood Revitalization

- **Dynamic & Resilient Region**
  - Affordable housing that meets individual needs
  - Connected neighborhoods and communities

- **Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience**
- **Natural System Protection & Restoration**
#6 Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

**Purpose and Desired Outcomes**

- **Equitable & Inclusive Region**
  - Acknowledge our role in creating and perpetuating racial disparities

- **Healthy & Safe Communities**
  - Center the voices of marginalized and underrepresented communities

- **Dynamic & Resilient Region**
  - Eliminate racial disparities and inequities

- **Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience**

- **Natural System Protection & Restoration**

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  - Repair harm to communities of color and indigenous communities
#7 Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.

**Purpose and Desired Outcomes**

- **Equitable & Inclusive Region**
  - Reduce impacts associated with climate change
  - Increase neighborhood and community resilience

- **Healthy & Safe Communities**
  - Reduce emissions through deployment of renewables energy

- **Dynamic & Resilient Region**
  - Reduce emissions through land use, including built and natural form

- **Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience**
  - Build climate coalitions and collaborative work

- **Natural System Protection & Restoration**
#8 Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

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Discussion

Discussion Prompts

• How do transportation objectives and land use objectives relate to each other?

• Can land use objectives better reinforce transportation system planning?

• What land use policies and actions could help achieve the land use and/or the transportation objectives?
  • Land use in the Regional Solicitation?
  • Land use linked to transportation in Comp Plans?
  • Land use requirements for regional transportation projects (e.g., highways, transitways)?
Next Steps

1. Solicit feedback on draft policies and actions from Council staff in other system and policy areas.
2. Review draft objectives, policies, and actions against equity and environmental justice frameworks.
3. Engage local governments and re-engage community organizations for feedback on draft objectives, policies, and actions.
4. Continue revising objectives, policies, and actions in response to stakeholder feedback.
Thank You

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