2050 Regional Planning Structure and Terminology

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2050 Policy Plan Coordination

Internal team identified the need for shared structure

Shared structure will help the Council...

- Organize how we approach policy development
- Better understand how our respective areas relate to one another
- Keep us on track as we work through the writing process
- Promote shared and consistent language around key plan elements

Consistent terms and definitions:

- Values
- Vision
- Goals (regional)
- Objectives
- Policies
- Actions





2040 Transportation Policy Plan



Transportation provides connect

Existing Structure

- Outcomes (5 from *Thrive MSP 2040*) Desired outcomes that define our \bullet shared regional vision.
- Principles (3 from Thrive MSP 2040) Guide how the Council carries out its • policies, both internally and externally, to advance outcomes.
- Transportation Goals (6) A broad statement that describes a desired end state.
 - Stewardship
 - Safety and Security
 - Access to Destinations
 - **Competitive Economy**
 - Healthy and Equitable Communities
 - Leveraging Transportation to Guide Land Use
- Objectives (19) A specific, measurable statement that support the • achievement of goals.
- Strategies (58) Actions that can or will be taken to address goals and • objectives.

New Terms and Definitions (1)

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Working definitions that may evolve as policy plans content is developed

- Values: **Core beliefs (principles)** that guide how the Council carries out work
- Overarching description of **what we want to achieve** for the region Vision:
 - Goals: Broad directional statements that more specifically describe the desired end states for the region
- Objectives: For each area of Council responsibility, achievable results that advance each regional goal
 - Policies: Statement of the Council's intent and approach to regional issues or topics, independently and in its roles with partners
 - Actions: Specific strategies or activities to implement policies and achieve goals

New Terms and Definitions (2)

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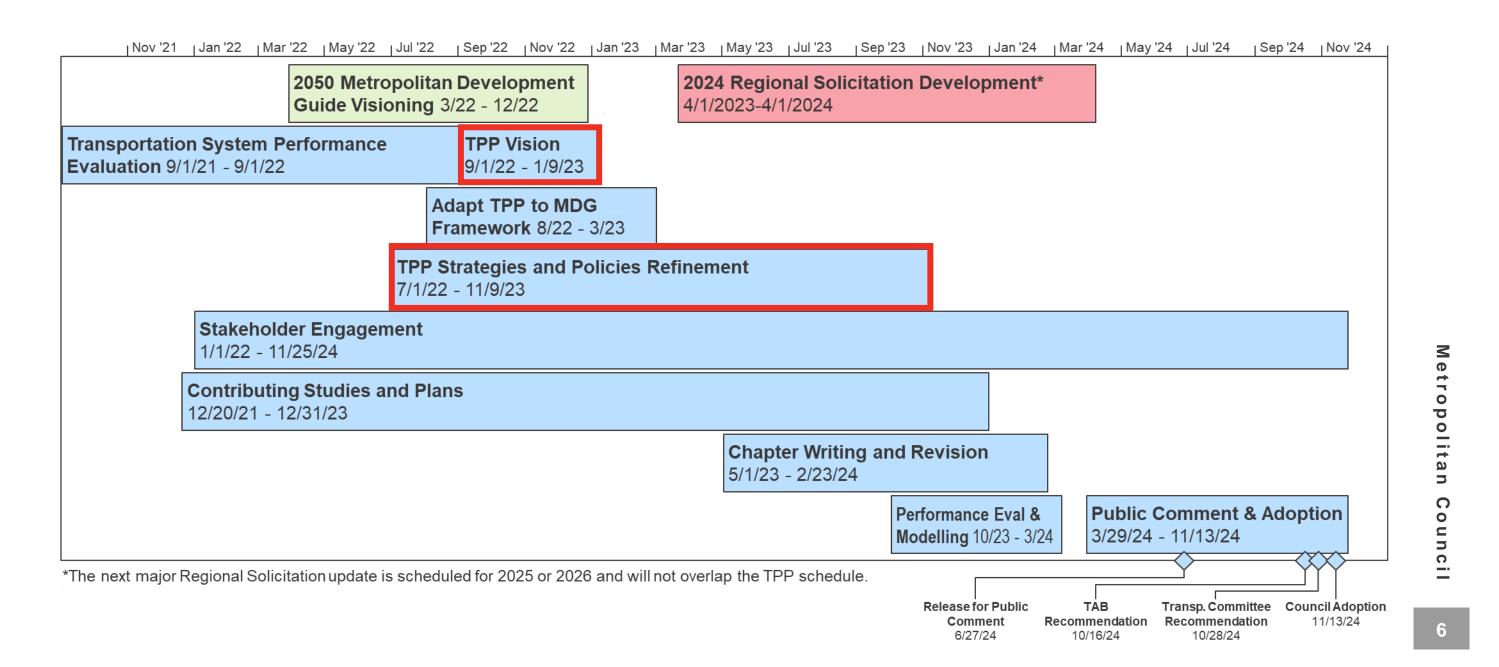
New Terms and Definitions (3)



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2050 TPP Schedule



Policies and Actions Development (1)

Proposed Approach

Phase I

- Evaluate existing 2040 • TPP for potential policies
- Group them by functional area (e.g., mode or impact)
- Start to delineate the difference between policies and actions

Phase II

- Incorporate 2050 goals and objectives, begin reorganizing around them
- Identify gaps, opportunities, and redundancy in policies and actions
- Review results of other inputs including scenario planning, stakeholder engagement, and planning studies

Phase III

- actions
 - actions
 - Further engage on refine as 2050 TPP evolves until final adoption

policies and actions as a "draft list," continuing to

Reduce, combine, or eliminate bloated or unnecessary policies and

Develop new policies and

Policies and Actions Development (2)

Considerations

Phase I

- Previous TPPs
- Existing 2040 TPP strategies
- 2040 TPP investment chapters

Phase II

- Considering existing practice or de facto policies
- Needs from goals and objectives, scenario planning, local plans

Phase III

- Collaboratively creating original content
- Look to peer regions, agencies, local governments

A woodsman was once asked, "What would you do if you had just five minutes to chop down a tree?" He answered, "I would spend the first two and a half minutes sharpening my axe."

"The essence of strategy is choosing what not to do."

-Prof. Michael Porter

Policies and Actions Development (3)



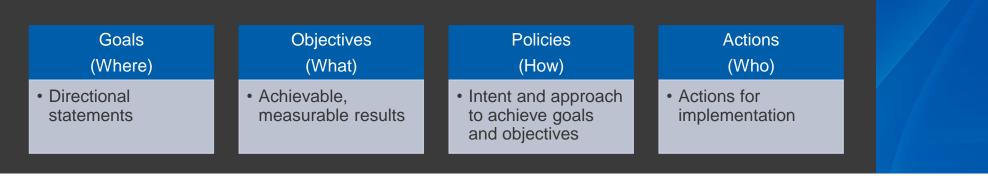
Opportunities for Streamlining

- Focus on the two primary roles of the \bullet **Transportation Policy Plan**
 - Guiding the orderly and economic development of the metro area (Comp Plans)
 - Guiding regional investments in or affecting the regional transportation system
- Make sure we say what is important and what are priorities first and clearly
- Identify actions by acting entity, providing more clarity on what is expected of regional transportation partners

Phase I Approach Examples



Example #1



Potential 2050 TPP Content

Existing 2040 TPP Content

Stewardship

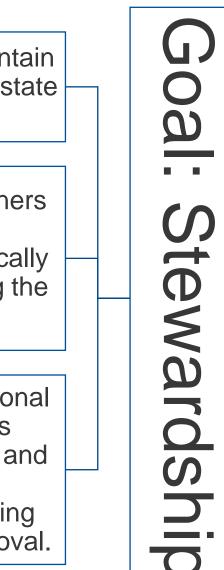
Objective: By 2040 the transportation system will meet state of good repair targets.

Objective: Efficiently preserve and maintain the regional transportation system in a state of good repair.

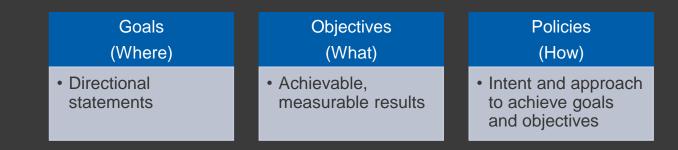
Policy: System preservation is the top investment priority.

Action: RTPs will coordinate to maintain and operate shared facilities, including setting priorities for snow, ice, and debris removal. Strategy: Regional transportation partners
will place the highest priority for transportation investments on strategically preserving, maintaining, and operating the transportation system.

Strategy: Cooperate with MnDOT, regional transit providers, and regional parks implementing agencies in maintaining and operating shared and multimodal transportation facilities, including setting priorities for snow, ice, and debris removal.



Example #2



Potential 2050 TPP Content

Existing 2040 TPP Content

Goal: Access to Destinations Objective: Increase the number and share of trips taken using transit, carpools, bicycling, and walking. Objective: Increase the number and share of trips taken using transit, carpools, bicycling, and walking.

Policy: RTPs will utilize the CMP process and TDM best practices to reduce SOVs before expansion is considered.

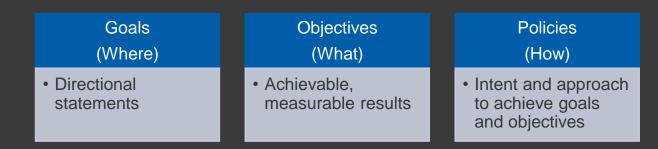
Action: Provide training and technical assistance to RTPs to implement CMP and TDM processes at the local level. Strategy: RTPs will promote multimodal travel options and alternatives...through a variety of travel demand management initiatives...

Strategy: Support, collaborate, and implement TDM policies, programs, and land use regulations...





Example #3



Potential 2050 TPP Content

Existing 2040 TPP Content

Objective: Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes and improve safety and security for all modes of passenger travel and freight transport. Objective: Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes and improve safety and security for all modes of passenger travel and freight transport.

Policy: Every transportation project will incorporate proven safety measures.

Action: Annually update the high injury network and provide data to RTPs for local mitigation. Strategy: RTPs should monitor and routinely analyze safety and security data by mode, severity, and location to identify priorities and progress.

Strategy: Maintain, monitor, and routinely analyze local safety and security data to identify priorities for investment and coordinate this data with regional efforts.

Goal: Safety



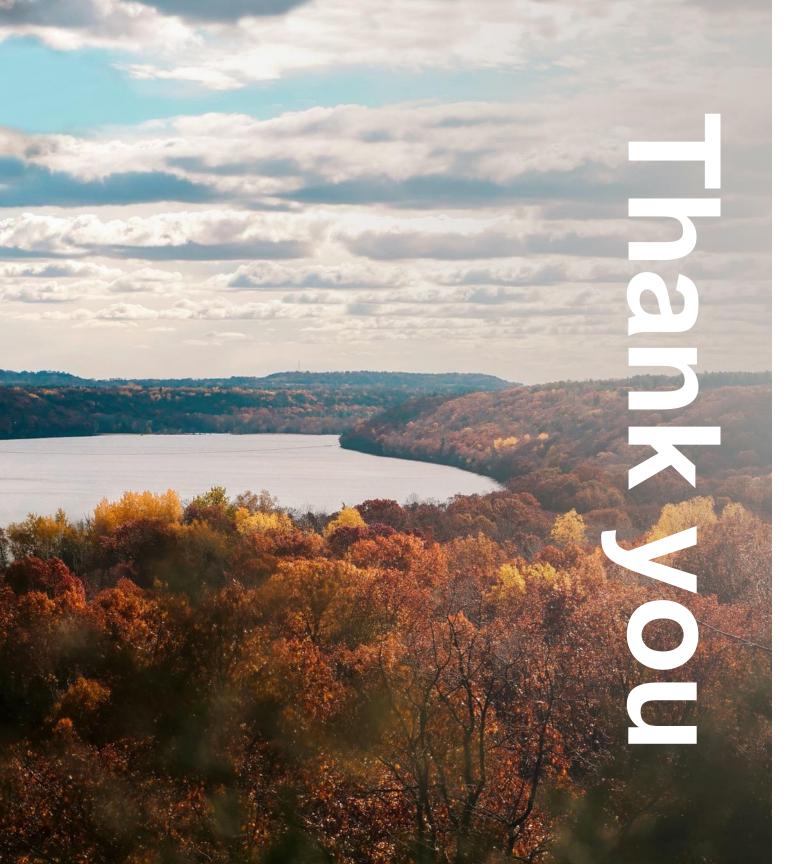


Next Steps



2050 Plan Structure

- Vision, Values, Goals, and Objectives
 - Continued engagement with Council Members, staff, and external partners to guide initial drafts
 - Transportation-focused engagement this fall and early 2023
- **Policies and Actions**
 - Initial discussion on reorganizing existing 2040 TPP content at August meeting
 - Follow-up discussion at October meeting
 - Picking up Phase II likely in early 2023



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