

# Information Item

2050 Transportation Policy Plan Technical Working Group



**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2022

## Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide Values, Vision, and Goals

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. § 473.145  
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### Background

Staff have conducted numerous engagement activities with the Metropolitan Council and various advisory groups to identify shared regional values, components of a regional vision, and potential goals for the 2050 Regional Development Guide. Based on input to date, staff are developing a working document of regional values and vision statements for Council review, discussion, and use for further engagement. A working draft for discussion will be presented to the Council in early January. The development of regional goals based on the regional vision will commence next year and be informed by future stakeholder engagement.

### Significant Cross-Cutting Regional Issues

In consultation with the Council's policy and technical leads, and in reviewing what we have heard through this first phase of engagement and in other planning work, staff had identified three cross cutting issues of regional significance. They are significant policy and programmatic areas that are not the sole responsibility of any one division. They represent potential areas of policy collaboration and identification of shared regional goals. Consequently, they will be reflected throughout the regional vision and our policy plans.

- Equity
- Climate
- Natural Systems

Based on subsequent internal discussion and engagement at the November 30<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Council meeting, we have identified a fourth cross-cutting issue:

- Public Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

### Regional Values

Values are core beliefs or principles that guide our work. The challenge in identifying shared values is that different people value different things. However, certain themes have emerged that support the cross-cutting issues and the need for effectively working together and with others.

The following value terms are grouped in theme areas:

- Equity, justice, cultural competence, respect, and compassion
- Leadership, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and innovation
- Transparency, effectiveness, and accountability
- Stewardship, sustainability, and resilience

## Regional Vision

Vision is what we want to achieve for the region. State statute empowers the Council to develop a comprehensive development guide prescribing the orderly and economical development of the metropolitan area. The cross-cutting issues impacts all this work, but the following will be addressed in the proposed vision language. They include aspects of development and characteristics of development. We will “anchor” the vision in the people, communities, and places we love and call home.

### *Regional Development Issues*

- Growth management
- Housing needs
- Commerce & industry
- Parks and open space
- Water resources
- Other natural resources

### *Regional System Considerations*

- Transportation
- Wastewater
- Regional Parks

### *Contextual Issues*

- Accessibility and affordability
- Shared economic prosperity
- Welcoming and Inclusive

### *“Anchoring” Principles*

- People
- Communities
- Places

## TPP Technical Working Group Feedback

Prior to presenting a similar briefing to the TPP Advisory Work Group on December 16<sup>th</sup>, staff will ask for your feedback on the following. Please keep in mind the perspectives of your policymakers and the visions represented in your own plans and policies:

- If the sets of value terms make sense and what ideas or terms should be included.
- Feedback or suggestions for what should be reflected in the vision including issues that should not be missed or, alternatively, receive special emphasis.

