

Information Item

2050 Transportation Policy Plan Technical Working Group



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Topic

2050 Regional Development Guide: Working Statement of Regional Core Values and Regional Vision

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Overview

At its meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 1, 2023, the Metropolitan Council informally endorsed the attached working document as part of the process for developing the next regional development guide. It was informed by numerous discussions including the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Advisory Work Group and TPP Technical Working Group.

This document has not yet been widely shared, but we intend to use this tool to inform further engagement and goal setting. The Council will only adopt this language when it adopts the 2050 Regional Development Guide in late 2024. As such, this language could change. However, we believe this language broadly captures the most important issues and opportunities facing our region.

Please note the following when reviewing this working document:

- Stakeholder input has often been very broad or very specific. More specific ideas may be incorporated later as we develop goals, policies, strategies, and programs.
- The Council sought to create a balanced yet inspirational tone that highlights the region's strengths as well as acknowledges its challenges.
- Terms or ideas in the language may require further discussion, definition, and clarification. This document is intended to be at a high-level; and we will continue to seek and incorporate your input as we elaborate through the policy development process and create shared definitions.

2050 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL WORKING STATEMENT OF REGIONAL CORE VALUES AND REGIONAL 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.