



# Major Themes from Chapter Reviews

Goals Chapters, Policies & Actions



# Comment Process Summary

## Comments Received

- 257 comments from 8 agencies by deadline
- 209 comments from 3 agencies received after deadline, not summarized today
- Across all chapters, 2,006 comments from 20 organizations received through the three TAC Technical Working Groups

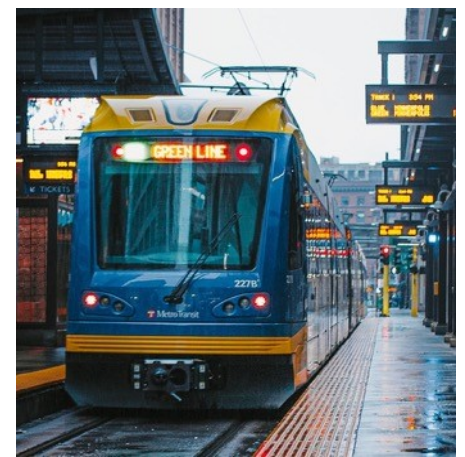
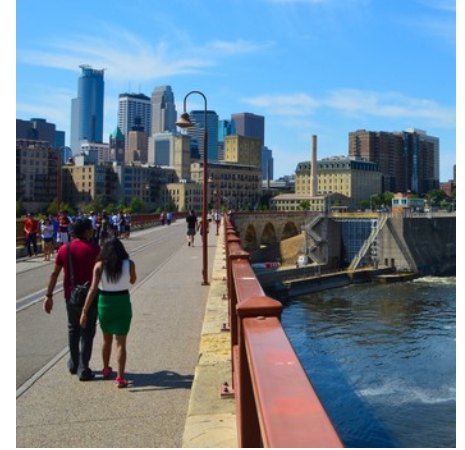
## Common Themes

**Clarify how goals and objectives relate across chapters, review consistency with investment chapters**

Will revise the intersections with other goals sections to provide more clarification, and review chapters for consistency.

**Suggestions for where to provide graphics, links, footnotes as support and to clarify study and research references**

We will follow up with partners for additional information if needed.



# Equitable & Inclusive Themes



## Few comments overall to summarize; others in Policies & Actions

### **Add objective to avoid future disparate or unjust impacts**

Will forward for consideration on if the existing objective to repair and eliminate disparate and unjust impacts and harms should be edited for clarification

### **Clarify how the goals or the other goals' objectives relate to equitable and inclusive**

Will work to revise the intersections with other goals section to provide more clarification

### **Engagement: Add info about the levels of engagement and ensuring levels used match the goals for doing the engagement**

This information can be added in the next version.

### **Imagine 2050 equity definition – clarify how engagement was used in defining equity**

This work has been led out of Community Development. We will share the comment with them and work to clarify this either in Imagine 2050 or the content that remains in the TPP.

# Healthy & Safe Themes



## Emphasis more on safety

### **Expand content for more context**

Will expand Safe Roads section, address pre-COVID levels of fatalities/serious injuries

### **Areas where the region could do more? State legislation on speed limits, increasing vehicle size/weight**

Will look at options for adding more context in these areas

### **Connections with land use, transit as safety strategy**

Will look for opportunities to make these connections and add to the text.

### **Ensure other chapters align with putting safety as the top priority**

This work will be done as the chapters go through additional revisions.

# Dynamic & Resilient Themes (1)



## Reliability

**Broaden the objective on excessive highway delay to all modes, focus on mobility strategies other than capacity.**

This objective seeks to focus the regional highway mobility approach, multimodal reliability addressed in another objective.

**Disagreement with discussion of accessibility and reliability under the resilience goal.**

The *Imagine 2050* goal includes system resilience beyond climate resilience, and includes economic, choice, access, and affordability topics.

**Discussion related to highway reliability need citations and detail.**

Will consider opportunities to add more research references and clarify points.

# Dynamic & Resilient Themes (2)



## Choice & Resilience

**Include more discussion of mode shift and transit use as promoters of choice and resilience.**

Will look for opportunities to expand discussion.

**Add context and policy related to housing density, transit-oriented development, and land use as promoters of reliability and resilience.**

Will look for opportunities to include cross-references to the Land Use Policy Plan and Housing Policy Plan in future drafts.

**Widen discussion of climate-change related weather events.**

Will consider further detail in this area.

**Miscellaneous comments related to varied relevance of policy by agency.**

Will review individual comments and consider adjustments to language or contextual discussion.

# Natural Systems Themes



## **Objective language is too limited.**

Objective revised to expand language and be more consistent with goal language. *“The region’s transportation system ~~and the people who use it limit their impacts on~~ protects, restores, and enhances natural systems (e.g., air, water, vegetation, and habitat quality)”*

## **Some suggestions to expand context, link concepts, and add specific examples.**

Will consider opportunities to expand as needed.

## **Noted lack of a primarily related work program item.**

Will consider more detailed references to natural systems elements of other work program items, consider specific suggestions of work program items.

# Climate Change Themes (1)



## Broader Comments

### **Added context requested**

Many suggestions are very helpful but not everything fits here (e.g., role of this chapter, Dynamic & Resilient chapter, availability of information to support context).

### **Will climate policy development team (PDT) have an opportunity to review the performance measures?**

We do not know when this information will be available yet but there is no intent to reconvene the PDTs.

### **Should there be a net-zero GHG system objective/goal?**

Goals and objectives were developed with much discussion and there has been general agreement that the current iterations strike the right balance.

### **How much can each part of transportation's GHG be reduced? Roadmap to 2050?**

We will consider if this can be addressed in a work program item.

### **EV/VMT reduction tensions, prioritization, EV incentives increase VMT**

We are proposing a balanced approach to climate mitigation as VMT reduction alone will not get at targets.



# Climate Change Themes (2)



## More Specific Comments

### **Add e-bikes to Zero Emissions Vehicle section**

We are including e-bikes with VMT reduction, also see dynamic and resilient chapter under choice and bicycle investment plan.

### **Role of Met Council to add and fund public charging facilities? How will equity play into this?**

In 2023 we applied for a Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant to pass through to local agencies/builders/operators for public charging. Previously the Regional Solicitation did award funds for the EV Spot network and this will be considered in the Regional Solicitation evaluation. We have studied this in the past and include in our workplan more detailed work on public charging needs. How equity will play into this is important but future planned work.

### **The increased weight of EVs impacts the road conditions and rate of roadway deterioration**

MnDOT pavement engineers have stated this is not a concern because heavy-duty trucks are so much heavier than any light-duty vehicles.

# Climate Change Themes (3)

## More Specific Comments

### **VMT strategies need to be different in different parts of the region**

Action 31D directs the Met Council to create information and personalized stories about trip reduction that demonstrate the feasibility of the state and regional VMT goals, objectives, and targets.

### **Role of recycled materials in construction for GHG reduction?**

We will consider how to reflect this in the chapter, likely focused on concrete and bituminous.



# Policies & Actions Themes



## **Need for definitions (EJ, disadvantaged communities, benefits, etc.)**

Some definitions will be provided in Imagine 2050 and others we will look to further define in the goal chapters

## **ADA: adoption timeline, requirements, funding support**

Will work to address needed detail and consistency in chapter revisions

## **Multiple actions focusing on opportunities in ROW; hard to do everything in constrained spaces**

Not all ROW actions are appropriate for all contexts – agencies will need to determine where and how best to incorporate these elements into individual projects

## **Balance regional and local bicycle connections and barriers**

The Regional Solicitation Evaluation will consider how to incorporate local bicycle networks and barriers into future solicitations

## **Regional Solicitation tag**

The Regional Solicitation Evaluation will consider, in greater detail, how to implement the actions in future solicitations

# Chapter Review Schedule

Chapter	November	December	January	February	March	April
Bicycle	Review	Changes				
Pedestrian	Review	Changes				
Travel Demand Management	Review	Changes				
Highways		Review	Changes			
Finance		Review	Changes			
Transit			Review	Changes		
Freight			Review	Changes		
Aviation			Review	Changes		
Equitable & Inclusive Goal				Review	Changes	
Healthy & Safe Goal				Review	Changes	
Dynamic & Resilient Goal				Review	Changes	
Climate Change Goal				Review	Changes	
Natural Systems Goal				Review	Changes	
Policies & Actions				Review	Changes	
Work Program					Review	Changes

Chapters to be scheduled: Overview/Imagine 2050 Transportation Chapter, Evaluation & Performance Chapter, Misc. Appendices

# Upcoming TAC and Policymaker Reviews



## TAC

- Will receive: unrevised goal chapters and Policies & Actions in March, revised investment chapters in April
- Collaborative SharePoint document review

## Advisory Work Group

- Received: goal chapters concurrently with the Technical Working Group
- Will receive: unrevised investment chapters in March
- Individual, emailed review

## Transportation Advisory Board & Met Council

- Will receive: unrevised goal chapters and Policies & Actions in March, revised investment chapters in April
- Individual, emailed review

# Discussion on Process

- Any concerns or feedback about the review process moving forward?





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