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# Draft Land Use Objectives and Policies

Transportation Policy Plan Technical Working Group & Advisory Work Group

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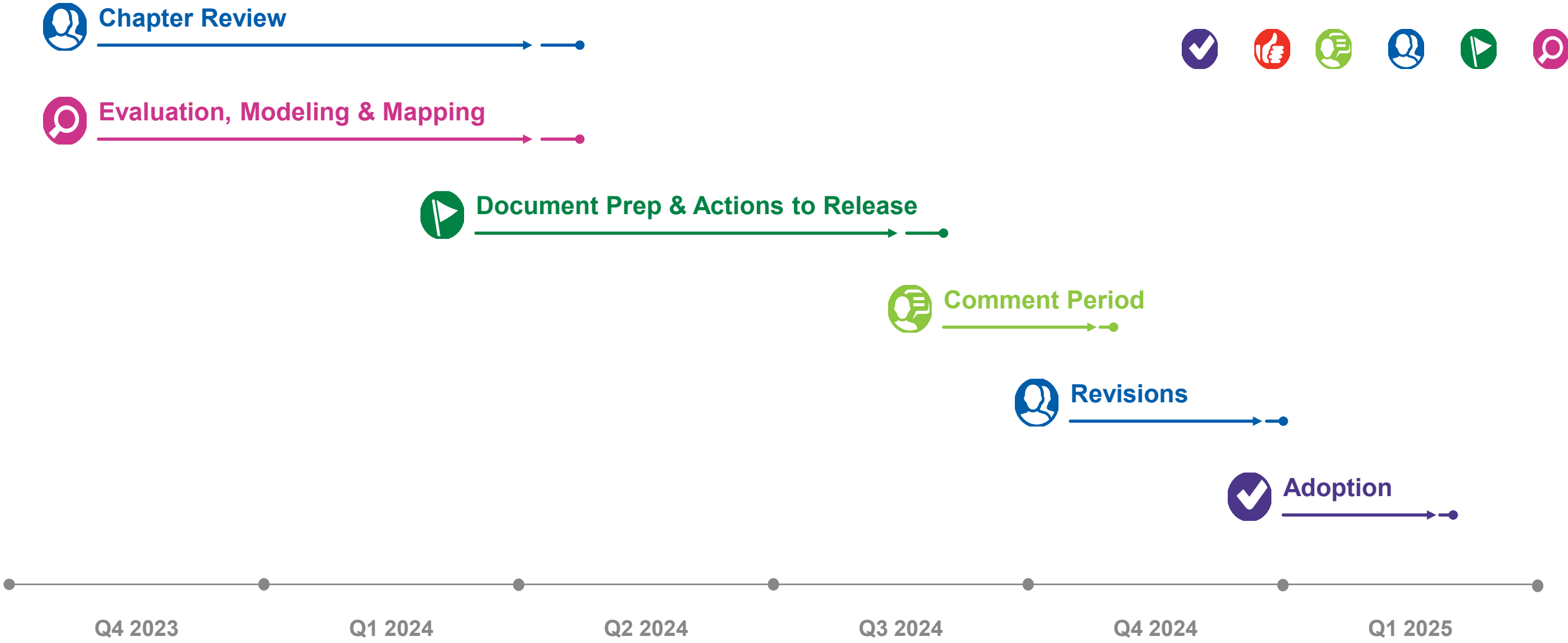


# Agenda



- Review of timeline, terms, and definitions
- Engagement updates
- Revised land use objectives
- Next steps

# Imagine 2050 Timeline



# Regional Plan Elements

## Values 1

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

## Vision 2

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

## Goals 3

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

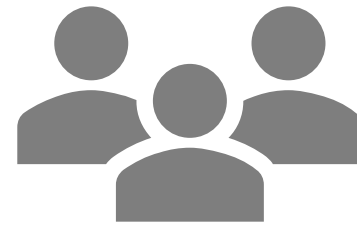
## Ongoing

- 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

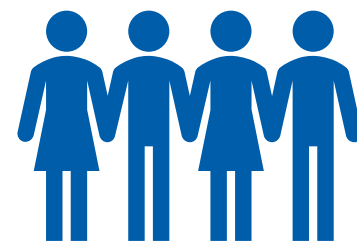
# Future Engagement Efforts and Initiatives



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







# Revised Land Use Objectives

## 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.

## Purpose and Desired Outcomes

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

Leverage the region's existing resources

Use available infrastructure efficiently

Reduce the need for infrastructure expansion

Mitigate premature development of agricultural areas

Preserve the agricultural economy and rural lifestyles

Balance the needs of all living things in the region

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Primary



Secondary

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

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Encourage density around activity centers and along corridors

Increase accessibility for those without a personal vehicle

Reduce vehicle trips, their cost, and duration

Reduce GHG emissions related to transportation and land use

Increase the return on investment for regional transit/bicycling infrastructure

Increase positive health outcomes

# #3 Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

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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
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Protect biodiversity

Restore and enhance natural systems

Connect habitat corridors & enhance edge habitat

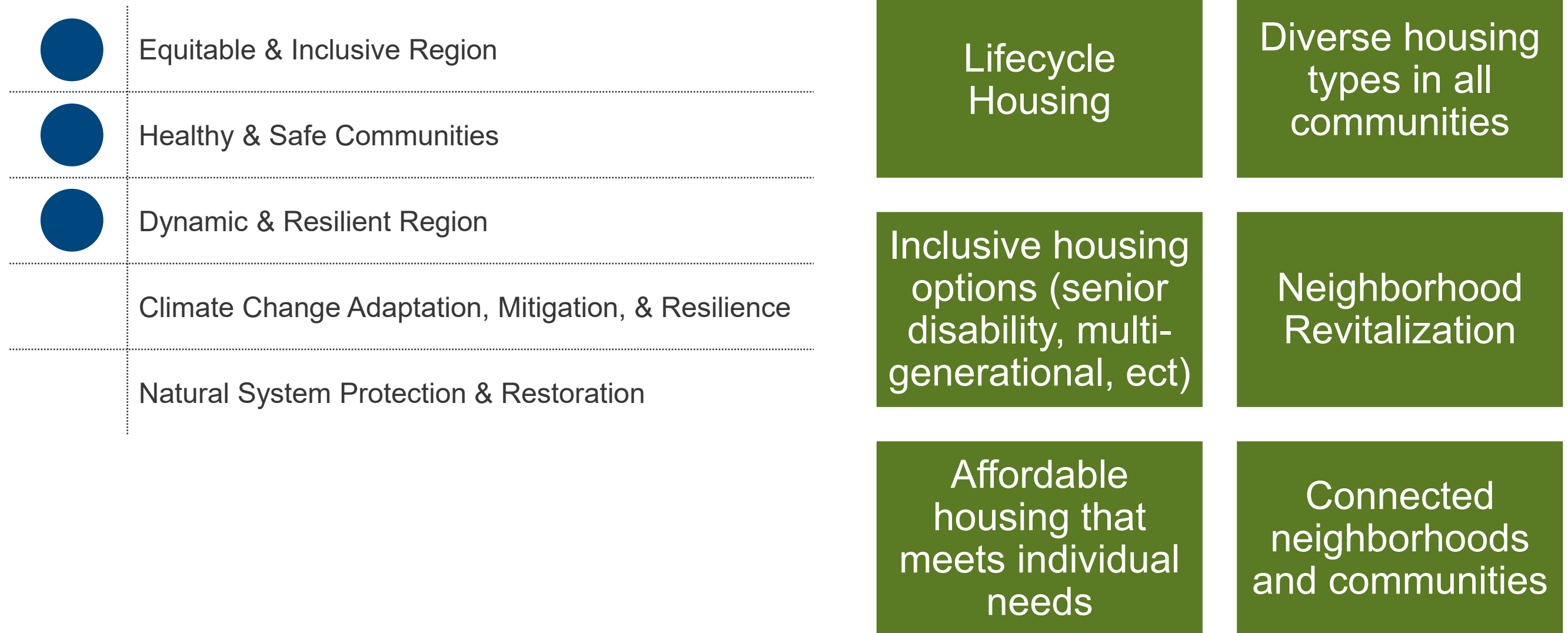
Protect, restore, and enhance the region's tree canopy

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



# #6 Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

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Acknowledge our role in creating and perpetuating racial disparities

Center the voices of marginalized and underrepresented communities

Eliminate racial disparities and inequities

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.

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Reduce impacts associated with climate change

Increase neighborhood and community resilience

Reduce emissions through deployment of renewables energy

Reduce emissions through land use, including built and natural form

Build climate coalitions and collaborative work



# #8 Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

## Purpose and Desired Outcomes



# 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



Solicit feedback on draft policies and actions from Council staff in other system and policy areas.



Review draft objectives, policies, and actions against equity and environmental justice frameworks.



Engage local governments and re-engage community organizations for feedback on draft objectives, policies, and actions.



Continue revising objectives, policies, and actions in response to stakeholder feedback.



Thank you

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