

Our Mission

To foster a prosperous, livable metropolitan region.

Our Values

- We partner with our residents and communities.
- Our actions demonstrate respect and integrity.
- We are effective stewards of valued resources.
- We strive for excellence and are accountable for results.

Successful Outcomes of the 2040 Framework

In the next 30 years, the Metropolitan Council envisions a greater Minneapolis-Saint Paul region whose competitive, vibrant economy affords advantages and opportunities for a diverse and growing population. Strong local communities that enhance our standard of living and a vital region that works on all levels make our community the outstanding metropolitan region in the nation, unmatched in its economic potential and quality of life. Through its superior livability, coordinated planning and efficient public service delivery, the region attracts and retains talent, jobs and economic prosperity, thus enhancing our quality of life.

In order to maintain and improve upon the advantages of the region, the Metropolitan Council is committed to using the 2040 Framework to strengthen the region's competitiveness and expanding opportunities and equity through policies that create or improve upon:

- efficiency and innovation in the delivery of regional services;
- effective stewardship of public dollars, natural resources and the existing built environment;
- availability and quality of housing choices to accommodate the unique needs and diversity of our population;
- a multimodal transportation system that connects people to jobs, school and services and that offers opportunities for long-term economic development;
- use of resources in a way that meets the needs of the present without jeopardizing the region's future needs.

The Council is committed to collaborative decision-making that honors the varying viewpoints of the region.

The region competes globally and thrives locally because we function as one region, with one economy. Building upon our state's legacy of good planning, civic pride and visionary leadership, the greater Minneapolis-Saint Paul region has a government that is as good as its people. Thanks to its many assets, the region will continue to attract individuals, businesses and organizations. It is a place where we can all prosper and thrive – a wonderful place to live, to work, and raise a family.