



## Thrive MSP 2040 Working Group

**DATE:** September 17, 2012  
**TO:** Members of the Metropolitan Council  
**FROM:** Gary Van Eyll, Chair, Thrive Working Group, on behalf of the Thrive Working Group  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Working Principles for *Thrive MSP 2040*

At our September 5 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Members identified six possible Working Principles for *Thrive MSP 2040*. As a reminder, we are defining Principles as overarching principles or values that cut across and guide all Council policy in *Thrive MSP 2040*. The Thrive Working Group has met and proposes the following refinements and definitions for the six Working Principles:

- **Acting Regionally:** The ability to do the big things that no one community can do alone.
- **Collaboration and Partnership:** The commitment to address major issues and changing conditions by engaging government, the private sector, regional institutions and the public to implement a shared vision.
- **Stewardship:** The care we as stewards exercise over our resources to ensure the region's financial, social and environmental sustainability, now and for generations to come.
- **Economic Prosperity:** The goal of leveraging the region's infrastructure investments and human resources, fostering a resilient, adaptable and innovative economy that creates opportunities for all.
- **Equity:** The access all residents have to opportunities such as good jobs, transportation choices, safe and stable housing, a range of parks and natural areas, and vibrant public spaces.
- **Livability:** The blessing of a region known for safe, healthy and welcoming communities where people want to be.

On behalf of the Thrive Working Group, I look forward to a vibrant, engaged discussion about these principles on Wednesday.