



Revised Proposal for Goals

For discussion at December 5, 2012 Committee of the Whole

Metropolitan Council Mission: To foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous metropolitan region.

Thrive MSP 2040 Principles:¹

- **Acting Regionally:** Accomplishing the big things that no one community can do alone.
- **Collaboration and Partnership:** Engaging all levels of government, the private sector, regional institutions and the public to implement a shared vision, using effective, scalable, integrated solutions and approaches to respond to dynamic conditions.
- **Economic Prosperity:** Leveraging the region's infrastructure investments and human resources to foster a resilient, adaptable and innovative economy that creates opportunities for all.
- **Equity:** Connecting all residents to opportunities such as good jobs, transportation choices, safe and stable housing they can afford, a range of parks and natural areas, and vibrant public spaces.
- **Stewardship:** Using our resources prudently to help ensure the region's financial, social and environmental sustainability, now and for future generations.
- **Livability:** Developing a region recognized for safe, healthy and welcoming communities where people want to thrive/grow.

Thrive MSP 2040 Proposed Goals:

- **Land use and development patterns maximize the return on public infrastructure investments:**
 - Compact new development and redevelopment in transit corridors increases transit ridership.
 - Sewered household growth to 2040 occurs in areas where communities have planned sewered development in their 2030 Comprehensive Plans.
 - Agricultural land in the region supports the agricultural economy, increased local food production, and rural lifestyles.
 - The region's existing assets are preserved, protected and enhanced, leveraging past and current investments to meet current and emerging needs.
- Land use and development decisions **preserve and protect the region's natural resources**, such as groundwater recharge areas, the region's water resources (lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands), and high-value natural areas. Sustainable water supply supports the region's continued growth, health and prosperity.
- **Multimodal transportation choices**, supported by appropriate development patterns, **provide reliable and timely access** for people to connect to jobs, education, parks, amenities and other destinations, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health. The region's transit system is easy-to-use, affordable, accessible, and efficient, and grows to meet demand.
- **Communities** across the region **offer a range of housing choices**, in both affordability and type, for people of all ages, economic means, abilities, and cultures, fostering racial and economic integration.
- The **region's public health** is enhanced by strategic development and integration of **parks and trails** with centers for employment and education, communities and public spaces.
- *Goal on **economic competitiveness** to be revised later.*
- *Goal on **climate change** to be revised later.*



Definitions

Principles express the Council’s values and guide our work across and beyond any specific goals. Forming the foundation for *Thrive MSP 2040*, principles influence both our decisions and our interactions with our partners, stakeholders and residents.

Goals are the broad outcomes that we want to result from *Thrive MSP 2040*. Goals are ends rather than means and describe the desired end-state. Their achievement will result from the collective contributions of many actors and partners beyond the Council.

Strategies describe the broad approaches that the Council will adopt to achieve the goal. Strategies are means rather than ends and actions that the Council will pursue. Multiple strategies will advance each goal. For example:

- **GOAL: Multimodal transportation choices**, supported by appropriate development patterns, **provide reliable and timely access** for people to connect to jobs, education, parks, amenities and other destinations, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health. The region’s transit system is easy-to-use, affordable, accessible, and efficient, and grows to meet demand.
 - *Sample strategy: Encourage “Complete Streets” design where appropriate to expand pedestrian and bicycle options.*
 - *Sample strategy: Pursue a stable funding source to support building out the transitway network.*

¹ Discussed and preliminarily agreed to at the September 19, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting. Revisions suggested by staff.