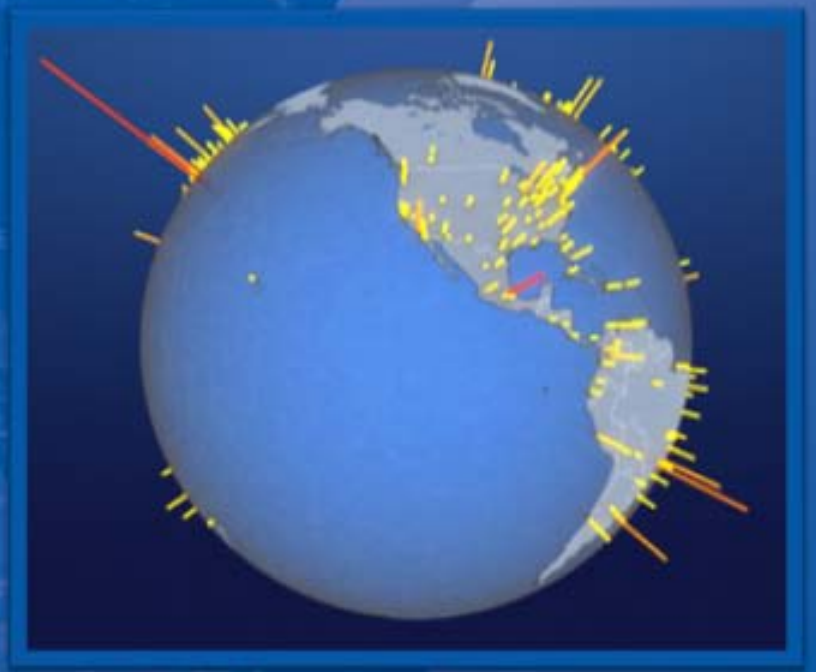

PEER Cities:

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area in Context

## LOOKING AT METRO REGIONS:

# PEER STUDY IN CONTEXT

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# PEER Cities Focus

- How does the Twin Cities compare?
- Who are our Peers?
- What can we learn from others?

**PEER City Evaluation Process** Jan-June 2012

✓ **Review of appropriate peers and initial analysis** (Research Staff)

✓ **Overview of regional peers, regional governance structures and issues** (Regional Growth Strategy Staff)

✓ **Transportation and Environmental Services Peer Analysis** (MTS & MCES Staff)

# Observations on US Regions

We are all the same, ***but we aren't***.

Challenges are the same but the local regional context is always unique. There is a lot we can learn from each other's experience.

**Ian Scott "Studying Regionalism on a Palatial Estate" Citiwire.net 12.17.2001**

# Regional growth and change drivers

**Demographics**

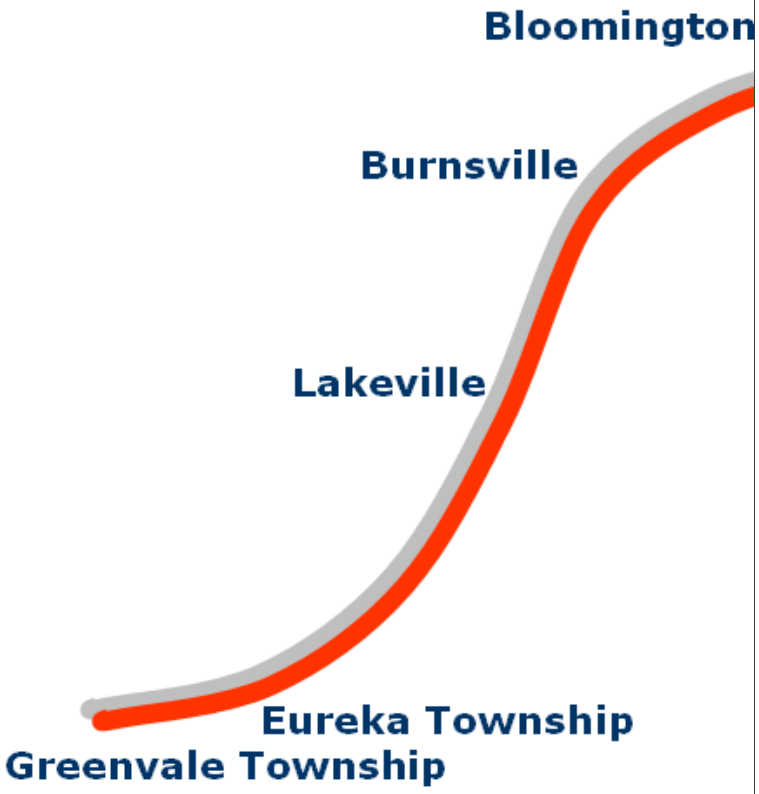
**Economy**

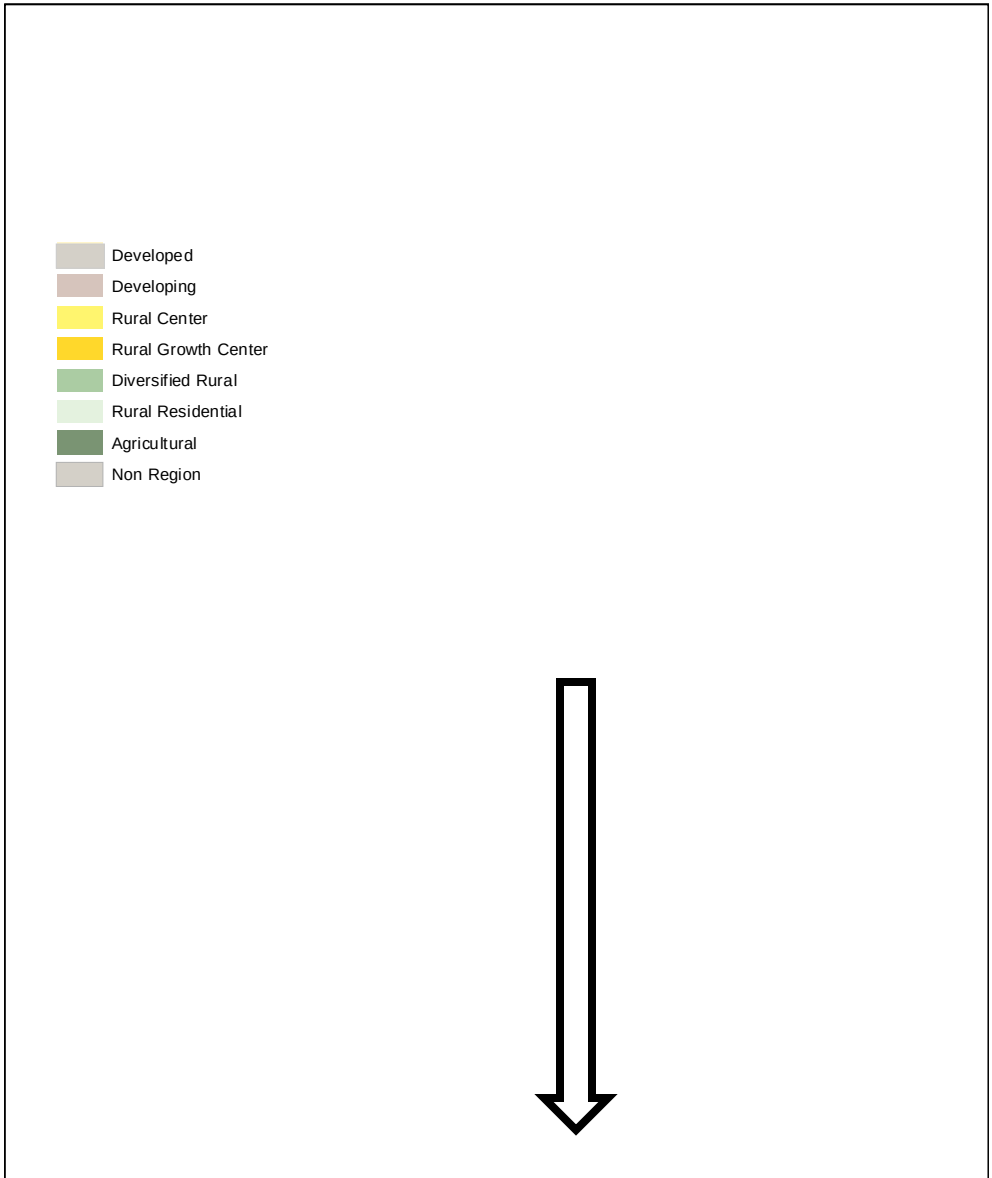
**Land Use/ Infrastructure**

- Growth strategy
- Transportation
- Wastewater, stormwater, water supply
- Regional parks and trails

# Growth Strategy

## *Regional Development*

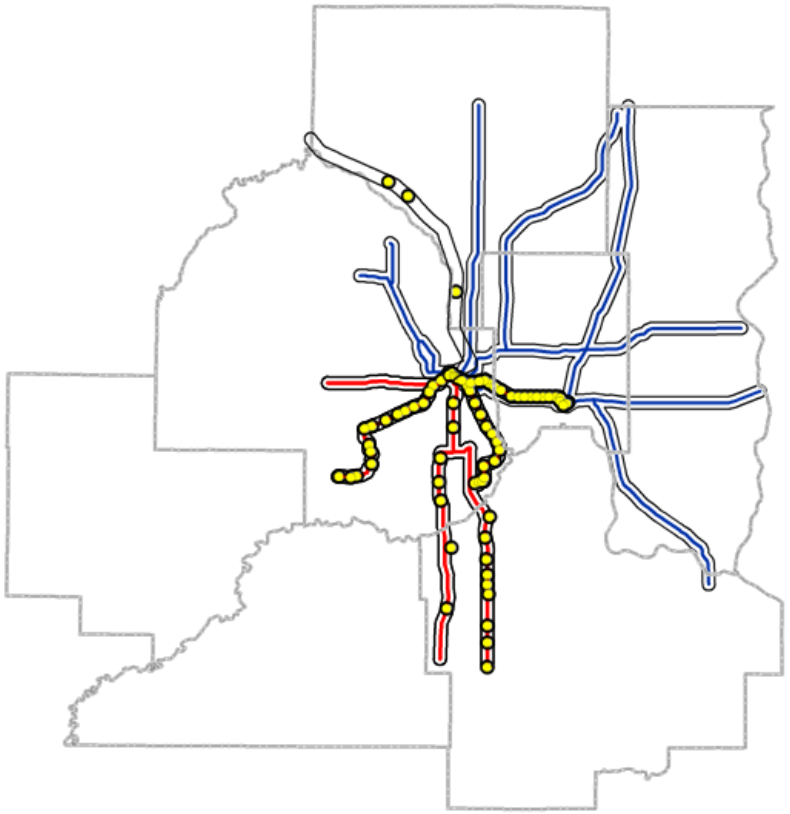


**“Mixed Use “ increasingly important.**

Activity centers along Highway and Transitway corridors, particularly in centers well served by both.

**Highway Corridors 2010-2030**



**Transitway Corridors 2005-2030+**

# Regional Growth Strategy Issue

Add a new Planning Area for activity centers along transportation corridors

***or***

*Add policies and strategies to each Planning Areas*