



Proposal for Goals

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:

- **Compact new development and redevelopment of existing communities** – particularly along transportation corridors – result in density, land use and urban patterns that leverage proximity to public infrastructure, enhance livability, and safeguard rural landscapes. Sewered household growth to 2040 occurs in areas where communities have planned sewered development in their 2030 Comprehensive Plans.
- Land use and development decisions **preserve and protect the region's natural resources**, such groundwater recharge areas, the region's water resources (lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands), high-value natural resources, and prime agricultural soils. Agricultural land in the region supports increased local food production. 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, 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, and efficient.
- Development decisions **support regionally-significant economic assets** such as airports, barge terminals, and industrial land in proximity to freight railways and highway interchanges. An intermodal freight system delivers what our greater region produces to the global marketplace. Previously environmentally-impaired land, particularly within transit and highway corridors, is restored to productive use.
- The region and local governments are prepared for and respond to the **opportunities and challenges presented by climate change**. Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use per capita decline.
- Communities across the region **offer a range of housing choices**, in both price and residential type, for people of all ages, incomes, races and ethnicities, fostering racial and economic integration.
- **Parks** are assets to communities across the region and are accessible to the residents of the region.

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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:

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- *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.*