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Council work session agenda

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

10:30 AM

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10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Future Vision Scoping Discussion

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Presenter(s): Malu Wilkinson (she/her), Deputy Director, Planning,
Development and Research
Jess Zdeb (she/her), Principal Regional Planner

Attachments: Staff Report

12:00 Chief Operating Officer Communication

12:05 Councilor Communication

12:15 Adjourn

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Future Vision Scoping Discussion
Work Session Topic

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

FUTURE VISION SCOPING DISCUSSION

Date: February 13, 2025
Department: Planning Development & Research
Meeting Date: February 25, 2025
Prepared by: Jessica Zdeb

Presenters: Malu Wilkinson; Jess Zdeb; Connie Chung (HR&A Advisors); Janine Clark (HR&A Advisors); Jill Bengochea (HR&A Advisors)
Length: 90 minutes

ISSUE STATEMENT

Starting in 2025, Metro will be updating its 50-year regional vision, the Future Vision, as required by Metro Charter. Metro's Charter does not describe a specific process to update the Future Vision, so staff is seeking Council guidance on a scope to define a set of planning and engagement steps for the update. The scope is being developed with input from Metro Council members and experts, in addition to learning from peers across the country about current best practices.

Last year, the Metro Council discussed this topic during two work sessions and two rounds of staff conversations, plus additional one-off discussions. Those conversations reinforced Council's interest in this work but have not yet coalesced around a concrete statement of desired outcomes, guidance for the Future Vision Commission, or engagement and scope elements. This work session is the first of two led by a consultant team with the goal of:

- Defining project outcomes/outputs
- Initial identification of key Vision topics
- Charge for Future Vision Commission
- Scope inputs for Vision development

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff request active participation in the discussion to help define the outcomes, scope and content of the Future Vision process.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Eventual adoption of an updated Future Vision and an implementation plan are likely to lead to actions that result in amended and potential new Metro policies. These are anticipated to include an update of the 2040 Growth Concept and Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, but other outcomes will be identified as part of this process.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. From your perspective, what role can a vision play in enabling long-term success for the region?
2. What are your objectives for the Future Vision and what will a successful visioning process look like?
3. What topic areas are critical for the Future Vision to include, and what areas should not be included, if any?

4. How should the Future Vision plan for implementation and what role should Metro play?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

While some aspects of the work program are defined by Metro’s Charter, there is significant flexibility to define the scope of this effort, and staff will build the work program in response to Council’s input and feedback. At this point, there are not specific policy options for Council to consider.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no staff recommendation associated with this item.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Peer agency vision examples will be shared to support discussion in this work session. Metro’s peer regional planning agencies around the U.S. execute long-range visioning and planning efforts but do not do so with the same charter-defined purpose as the Future Vision. Most other regional long-range plans are adaptations of the federally required Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), equivalent to Metro’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In some regions planning also takes place in response to state laws, such as California’s Sustainable Communities Strategies work. Further, most regional planning agencies do not have the same regulatory, taxing and bonding responsibilities as Metro – which limits the actions available to them to implement these visions.

In recent years, numerous regions have expanded the purview of their MTPs beyond transportation to include goals and strategies for housing, community, economic development and environmental topics. These visions are on a 20- to 30-year time horizon, not the 50 years required for the Future Vision. Even with these differences, other regions provide examples to draw from, either for vision elements Metro would like to emulate or ones Metro would like to avoid based on what Council would like for the Vision and its development process to achieve.

BACKGROUND

Metro Council initially discussed Future Vision renewal scoping at a work session on July 30, 2024. A September 2024 work session focused on the makeup and recruitment of the Future Vision Commission.

ATTACHMENTS

None

[For work session:]

- Is legislation required for Council action? Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today?
 - PowerPoint presentation to be given at Work Session