

## RENEWING OUR REGION VISION: SCOPING FEEDBACK

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

Metro will be updating its regional vision, the Future Vision, as required by Metro Charter, in the coming year. Metro's Charter does not define a specific process to develop the Future Vision, so staff is seeking Council guidance on the scope along with learning from peers across the country about current best practices in planning and engagement.

Staff have held one work session and two rounds of individual and small group conversations with Councilors on this scoping topic. These Council interactions, as well as research regarding other recent regional planning efforts at peer agencies and discussions with experts, have shaped the material that will be presented at the work session regarding project process.

Metro's Charter does specifically call for the appointment of a Future Vision Commission to draft and recommend the Future Vision to Metro Council. This body is appointed by Council. Staff have sought Councilors' opinions about how Commission members should be identified, and the staff recommendation presented here is based on those conversations.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff request input and feedback on the questions identified below to help guide further development of scope and budget for this effort.

### **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Updating the Future Vision and 2040 Growth Concept would result in amended and new Metro policy.

### **POLICY QUESTIONS**

1. Do you support the staff recommendation for identification of potential Future Vision Commission members and Commission size? And do you have any additional process recommendations for recruitment of that body?
2. Does the list of topics for research presented meet your expectations for informing the Future Vision?
3. In addition to the concrete outcomes from this process (updated Future Vision and Growth Concept), are there ancillary outcomes you believe the process should achieve to be successful?

## **POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

While some aspects of the eventual work program are defined by Metro's Charter, significant flexibility exists to define the scope of this effort, and staff will be building the work program in response to Council's input and feedback.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on guidance from Council, staff recommends that the Future Vision Commission consist of 12-15 members and that those members are identified through a well-publicized application process. The Future Vision Commission members will be appointed by the Metro Council.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

### *Financial implications*

The current FY25 budget includes \$100,000 for early scoping and engagement related to updating the Future Vision and 2040 Growth Concept. The FY25 budget also includes a \$200,000 allocation to a study of cooling corridors which will help inform these updates from the perspective of a potential strategy for mitigating heat-related impacts of climate change in our region. The scoping currently underway will result in a proposed budget for this project for FY26 that reflects Council guidance on the level of effort.

## **BACKGROUND**

Metro Council had its initial discussion about scoping the work to renew the agency's Future Vision at a July 30 Work Session.

## **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