

FUTURE 50:
2040 GROWTH CONCEPT “LOOKBACK”

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ISSUE STATEMENT

In 1995, the Metro Council adopted a Future Vision for the region. The Future Vision is a high-level statement that informed the development of the 2040 Growth Concept, the region’s long-range plan for growth. As required by the Metro Charter, the Metro Council appointed a Future Vision Commission last year that is tasked with recommending an updated Future Vision for Metro Council consideration. This new effort is called Future 50.

Once adopted by the Council, the updated Future Vision will be implemented through amendments to Metro plans, policies, and programs. The “2040 Growth Concept Lookback” is an assessment of the successes, challenges, and oversights of the original Growth Concept to provide perspective for Future 50 and inform future updates to the Growth Concept, the Regional Framework Plan, the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan as well as other Metro programs.

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The Metro Council provides guidance and direction regarding potential future amendments to regional plans and policies to implement an updated Future Vision.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

Is there additional information that the Council needs to inform future updates to regional plans and policies?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Topic is informational. No policy decisions required at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

This topic relates to Future 50, the update of the region's Future Vision. Future 50 is expected to touch on several of Metro's core responsibilities and priorities, including but not limited to:

- Regional quality of life
- Population and job growth
- Growth patterns
- Racial equity
- Climate action
- Housing
- The economy
- Community development
- The environment
- Public engagement

Legal Antecedents:

- Future 50 responds to a Metro Charter requirement to update the region's Future Vision, which was adopted in 1995
- The 2040 Growth Concept and its implementing policies were adopted and amended by numerous Metro Council ordinances over the years

BACKGROUND

This is the first time the Council has discussed the 2040 Growth Concept "Lookback"

ATTACHMENTS

None