

Resolution 25-5490

EXHIBIT B: Commission charge

Per Metro's charter, the Future Vision Commission is charged with developing and recommending a proposed 50-year vision for Council adoption. The Commission will make a direct recommendation to Council. The charter further states that the Commission "shall consider all relevant information and public comment in developing the proposed Future Vision." The purpose of this charge is to document Metro Council's guidance to the Future Vision Commission in their execution of this charter directive.

The Commission is charged with crafting a 50-year vision for the region that is informed by extensive community and partner engagement. The group will bring their personal and professional expertise to bear on questions about the region's future as they consider research and analysis on issues and trends and reflect diverse perspectives of communities and interested parties across the region. The Future Vision they help craft is intended to reflect the values and desires of the region's residents, not just those of Metro as an agency.

The following sections describe expectations for the Commissioner roles overall and within the various phases of work to develop the vision. At one of its first meetings, the Commission will separately adopt a charter that defines specific expectations of participation in meetings and how the group will make decisions.

Commissioner role

Commissioners should:

- Focus on the long-term vision, but also consider implementation and how to galvanize their community network to action during Vision development and implementation,
- Bring a systems perspective to Vision development, understanding that elements of the region, e.g., transportation, natural areas, etc., are interconnected,
- Participate in and contribute to discussion on all Vision elements including those where Commissioner has direct professional expertise and where their field is adjacent,
- Seek to build connections across sectors (i.e., government, philanthropy, academia, business, community organizations) to define a vision for the 21st century, and
- Champion the Future Vision process and be an ambassador for the project.

Process elements

The elements described below provide a framework and initial list of inputs for the Vision development process. The Commission will have the ability to identify further research or analysis needed to inform their development of the Vision, within the scope of available resources. Research, analysis, expert opinion and results of engagement efforts will be shared with Commissioners via memos, in meetings, and through expert panels.

Understand current conditions and critical topics

Commissioners are expected to review and apply findings from several sources, including:

- Analysis of the performance of the 2040 Growth Concept over time
- Results of an equity audit of the 2040 Growth Concept, and
- Maps, tables and other analyses of current regional conditions (e.g., geographic dispersal of key services such as grocery stores and daycares, affordability measures such as housing plus transportation costs for various communities).

Commissioners are also expected to become familiar with critical topics likely to be incorporated into the vision, such as arts and culture, and social capital and social cohesion.

These analyses and research will be some of the first information provided to the Commission. Analyses and reports will be public documents and shared through presentations at the Commission's public meetings. Additionally, some expertise will be shared with the Commission and other interested parties through expert panels that will be open to the public.

Consider trends and futures

Commissioners are expected to consider presentations on research and expert opinions regarding trends and futures. These will include trends with greater certainty such as demographic changes impacting the region's population or expected environmental changes that result from climate change in the region. Presentations will also address trends with unknown outcomes, such as the increasing prevalence of AI in many aspects of society.

Commissioners will also be expected to become familiar with the concepts of uncertainty and futures thinking over the long-term since a 50-year horizon is a time scale with inherent uncertainty. Research and expertise will be shared through presentations, reports and expert panels, all of which will be available to the public.

Reflect community values

Commissioners will each bring their own understanding of the region's issues, interests, and hopes to their work with this group. They are also expected to review, thoughtfully consider, and incorporate community values into the vision. These values will be identified through several phases outlined below and may include additional methods as identified through work with a project consultant. The outputs of these engagement phases will be presented to the Commission and provided in reports.

- *Broad outreach to confirm and vet regional values*
- *Youth Summit:* convening of regional youth
- *Vision Summit:* Commission members participate alongside other community, government and business leaders
- *Vision Tables:* Commission members take part in topic- or theme-based small groups
- *Broad outreach to translate values to priorities*

Vision topics and themes

The Commission should develop a Future Vision that addresses *at least* the following topics and themes. Each of these topics and themes will be examined in terms of how it advanced racial equity in greater Portland.

- Creativity and innovation, including arts and culture
- Economic prosperity and workforce development, including but not limited to sports and sports tourism, agriculture, technology, manufacturing, education, health care, small business
- Resiliency, including climate, environment/natural areas, health, social connection
- Thriving places and communities, including land use, transportation and housing

The Commission has agency and opportunity to expand upon these areas as it deems necessary based on consideration of relevant research and public input.

Vision document

With staff support and Metro Council input, the Commission will develop a document that describes a 50-year conceptual vision for the region. Project team staff and consultants will provide recent examples from other regions around the country and globe, as well as the 1995 Future Vision, for consideration.

The Commission will define the ultimate format or formats of the Vision. However, the Vision should be able to be communicated in a manner that is readily accessible to the people of the region, so it is clear their interests are reflected therein.

The Commission should also provide considerations for implementation based on the Vision development process, including documenting priorities for action. This report can inform the next phase of work to develop a shorter-term implementation plan that identifies and prioritizes actions and identifies the responsible parties for implementation.