

# MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** 2040 Growth Concept Background

**Presenter:** Dr. Ethan Seltzer, Professor Emeritus of Urban Studies and Planning, PSU

## **Purpose/Objective**

In anticipation of MPAC's role over the next several years in recommending updates to the regional long-range vision (the 2040 Growth Concept), this agenda item is intended to provide MPAC with background on the development of the original 2040 Growth Concept and associated regional policies.

MPAC's guest speaker Dr. Ethan Seltzer is a recognized authority on regional planning and regional development and brings the experience of a practitioner, researcher, professor, and writer. Dr. Seltzer served as the founding director of PSU's Portland Institute of Metropolitan Studies and director of PSU's Toulon School of Urban Studies and Planning. Prior to academia, he acted as land use supervisor for Metro during the historic adoption of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives. Working for the City of Portland, Dr. Seltzer assisted Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg with park system planning and coordination, land use planning, and budget. Dr. Seltzer has also served as president of the City of Portland Planning Commission. His time in Portland's regional, political, and planning institutions has shaped his fundamental belief that having a sense of place truly matters.

## **Action Requested/Outcome**

No action requested at this time. The intended outcome is that MPAC members have a grounding in the history and purpose the Growth Concept and associated regional plans and policies.

## **What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?**

In September 2018, the Metro Council – as part of its direction on its 2018 urban growth management decision – adopted Resolution No. 18-4914. Among other things, the resolution directed staff to return to the Metro Council in 2019 with two proposed work programs that: (a) apply the new Economic Value Atlas to address future regional employment trends, and (b) update the 2040 Growth Concept, the region's long-term vision for growth. This direction was given in accordance with MPAC's advice.

Staff has been developing a proposed work program for an update to the Growth Concept that would include planning for a new economy. The Metro Council will have an initial discussion of the draft work program at its May 9, 2019 work session. Staff anticipates reviewing the proposed work program with MPAC in the late spring or summer of 2019.

## **What packet material do you plan to include?**

2040 Growth Concept Map