

# Regional Investment Strategy – Parks and Nature



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Metro Council work session  
May 14, 2019

# Agenda for today

Review – where we  
are in process

Finalize funding  
areas

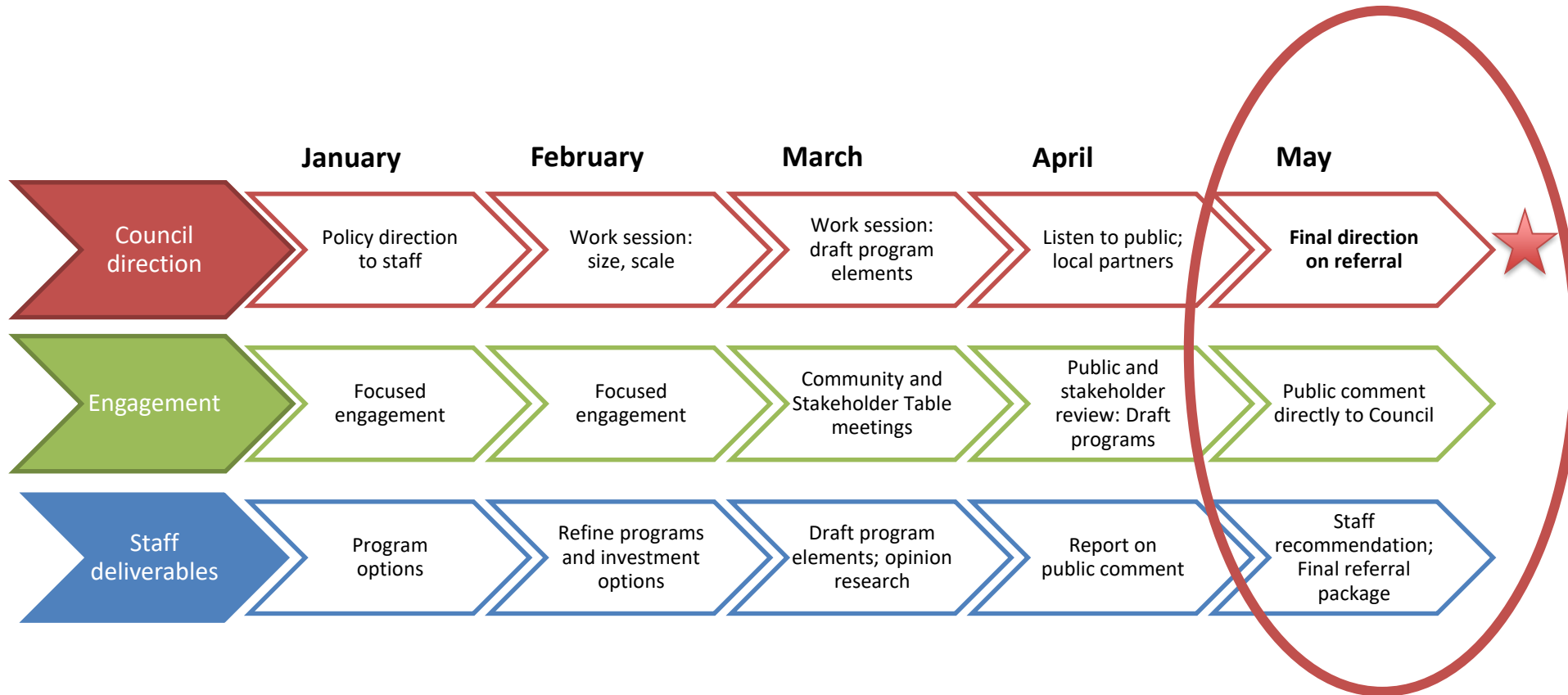
Legislation details

Timeline, next  
steps





# Path to referral decision



# Protect and connect: Potential 2019 natural areas bond



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**Maintain tax rate**

**Put people first**

**Advance  
racial equity**

**Prepare for  
climate change**



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# Key community themes

Take care of what we have

Protect culturally significant land

Increase access to nature in underserved communities

Invest for multiple benefits

Commit to ongoing engagement –  
Metro and partners

Address gentrification and  
displacement



# Spring engagement highlights

# Measurement

# Accountability

## Excited – climate, equity

## Questions – trails

## Multiple benefits?





# \$475 million across six areas:

1. Protect and restore land
2. Take care of Metro parks
3. Nature in Neighborhood capital grants
4. Support local projects
5. Create trails for walking and biking
6. Advance large-scale community visions



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# Proposed funding allocations

Program area	Spring ranges	May 7 Option 1	May 7 Option 2	Current staff proposal	Council direction
Protect and restore land (Acquisition & restoration)	\$130-140M	\$150M	\$155M	\$155M	
Support local projects (Local share)	\$65-75M	\$88M	\$92M	\$92M	
Award community grants (Nature in Neighborhoods)	\$25-30M	\$35M	\$40M	\$40M	
Take care of Metro parks (Metro capital projects)	\$100-105M	\$87M	\$88M	\$98M	
Trails for walking and biking	\$40-50M	\$40M	\$45M	\$40M	
Advance large-scale visions	\$40-50M	\$50M	\$55M	\$50M	
<b>TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>\$450-475M</i>	<i>\$450M</i>	<i>\$475M</i>	<b>\$475M</b>	<b>\$475M</b>

# Draft legislation review

**Resolution No. 19-4988**

**Exhibit A:** Overview, Racial equity & Climate resilience criteria

**Exhibit B-G:** Program area details

**Exhibit F:** Ballot title

**Staff report:** Available next week



# Program criteria – equity, engagement

Meaningful engagement

Prioritize projects important to communities of color, etc.

Accountability: tracking and reporting

Strategies re: displacement

Contracting and workforce goals, outcomes

# Program criteria – climate resiliency

Habitat connections

Water quality, quantity, flood protection

Tree canopy strategies

Low-impact development practices/green  
infrastructure

Active transportation



# Protecting and restoring land



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# Supporting local projects – “local share”



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# Awarding community grants



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# Taking care of Metro parks



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# Creating trails for walking, biking



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# Advancing large-scale community visions



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# Council decision timeline

Final edits/changes  
to staff –  
May 17

Publish final  
legislation -  
May 23 (tentative)

Metro Council  
potential referral -  
June 6







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Questions?