

# MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title** Resilience Program information and participation in 2040 Growth Concept Refresh

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## **Purpose/Objective**

Give information on Metro's new Resilience Program and how it fits into the Community Resilience component of the 2040 Growth Concept Refresh.

## **Action Requested/Outcome**

Opportunity to inform MPAC members about the new Metro Resiliency Program and for them to ask questions about the program and how it fits into the Community Resilience component of 2040 Refresh.

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

The Resilience Program was created by the Metro Council during the last budget cycle to focus on climate resilience (preparing for and reducing the impacts of climate change), disaster mitigation and recovery. It will also coordinate with other departments within Metro and partner organizations that work on climate mitigation (GHG reductions), emergency management, disaster preparedness and response. In addition to working to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters this program will explore stressors such as housing affordability, systemic inequities and other yet to be defined stressors that increase social vulnerability and reduce day-to-day resilience in our communities. All of this work is being coordinated with our partners through the Regional Disaster Partnership Organization (RDPO) to ensure we are not overlapping with work that is already being done and focusing our current efforts in places where

- There is an identified need
- There is an overlap with Metro's existing priorities beyond resilience
- There is an overlap with Metro's existing skill set

As was mentioned at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> MPAC meeting, one of the three overarching themes for the 2040 Growth Concept Refresh will be "Community Resilience". This community resilience focus centered on mitigating impacts from climate change, and natural disasters, and building and maintaining social capital. Additionally, the new Refresh theme "Planning for our Future Economy" provides the opportunity to explore the idea of economic resilience and how we build it. The Resilience Program Manager will participate in both these aspects of the Refresh.

An additional area of interest to MPAC in the Resilience Program may be the robust stakeholder engagement process that will be conducted over the next 18 months. The goal of this process will

be to get a diverse range of opinions from community leaders that educates Metro on community priorities and to inform stakeholders on the importance of mitigation and recovery work. We hope to work with many of the existing committees and stakeholder groups created by local jurisdictions along with other community groups to gather this feedback.

Staff looks forward to answering MPAC members' questions about the program and its involvement with the 2040 Refresh.

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

None