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HEARTLAND 2050 REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(H2050RPAC)

AGENDA – October 5, 2018
10:00 a.m.

This meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Committee will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meeting Act. Please see the recording secretary to review the Open Meetings Act policy.

Agenda

I. Welcome – Introductions

II. Governance

- A. [Minutes](#) – Action
- B. [Ground Rules](#) – Action
- C. [By-Laws](#) – Action

III. Regional Vision (Heartland 2050)

- A. [Local Foods Hub Proposal](#) – Action
- B. [Committee Updates](#)
- C. [Action Plan Priorities](#) – Discussion

IV. Data and Mapping

V. Grant Opportunities

VI. Community Reports

- A. Unified Transportation Plan – Stephen Osberg Greater Omaha Area Chamber

VII. Adjourn

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Chair: Nancy Pridal, Lamp Ryneerson & Associates, Inc.
Troy Anderson – Omaha Mayor's Office
Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (*departed at 11:23 a.m.*)
Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
Ann Birch – City of La Vista, NE
Archie Carpenter – University of Nebraska Medical Center
David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Department
Dave Forrest – City of Ralston, NE
Bruce Fountain – Sarpy County
Cesar Garcia – DLR Group
Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna, NE
Shelley Henderson – FIRST
Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue, NE
Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting
Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
Patrick Leahy – Papio-MO River NRD
Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
Earl Redrick (Non-Voting Member) – HUD
Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
Curt Simon – Metro Transit
Connie Spellman
Carol Vinton – Mills County (*departed at 11:35 a.m.*)
Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County
Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Members Absent:

Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Builders Association
Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
Marta Londono – Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation
Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North
Vicki Quaites-Ferris – The Empowerment Network
Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner
Rod Storm – City of Blair
Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
Ryan Sullivan – Washington County

Guest:

MAPA Staff: Christina Brownell, Don Gross, Mike Helgersen, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Greg Youell

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Introductions –

Chair Pridal called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

2. Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) –

a. H2050 Timeline & Wins – (Information)

Ms. Loewenstein provided an overview of the Heartland 2050 Timeline from 2011 – 2018 ([attachment 2.a.i](#)) and included an update on project status: In Progress, Ongoing and Completed projects ([attachment 2.a.ii](#)). Mr. Helgersen gave an overview of the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grants, and Mr. Spiehs gave an update on Affordably Furthering Fair Housing activities in our Region. Committee Chairs spoke briefly and gave an overview of work and progress within each working group.

b. H2050 RPAC – Charter – (Information)

Chair Pridal and staff gave an overview of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee Governance Structure ([see attachment 2.b.i](#)) and guidelines. This committee will operate under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The committee will meet the 1st Friday of every other month and agendas will be provided to members in advance.

c. H2050 Update and Refocus Process – (ACTION)

Staff presented a proposed to the Committee for approval plan and schedule to update the Heartland 2050 Vision ([attachment 2.c.i](#)). Input from the committee included keeping health, education and economic development in the plan; continued collaboration across all of the working groups/committees; and to ensure that the H2050 guiding principles ([see attachment 2.c.ii](#)) are interwoven into the plan.

MOTION by K. Anderson, SECOND by L. Jacobson to approve the plan and schedule to update the Heartland 2050 Vision.

AYES: K. Anderson, Berglund, Birch, Carpenter, Fanslau, Forrest, Fountain, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Jensen, Kohn, Leahy, Norman, Osberg, Pour, Reinhardt, Simon, Spellman, Wyant, Zagurski

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

d. Heartland 2050 Summer Summit and Equitable Growth Profile – (Information)

Mr. Spiehs presented to the committee a review of the Equitable Growth Profile Update and key findings/recommendations ([click here to see the full profile](#)), and provided a voting summary of Equity Profile Tasks Force Recommendations ([see attachment 2.d.ii](#)).

3. Data and Mapping – (Information)

Mr. Helgersen provided an update on the agency's data and mapping work listed below.

- a. Metro Area Bike Map ([click here to see more](#))
- b. Taxable Value per Acre Report ([see attachment 3.b](#))

4. Grant Opportunities – (Information)

Ms. Loewenstein stated that this will be recurring agenda item and encouraged committee members to share with the membership at each meeting if they are aware of any current grant opportunities.

5. Community Reports – (Information)

This agenda item was skipped due to time.

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6. Adjournment –

Chair Pridal adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.

Heartland 2050 Timeline

2011

Awarded Housing and Urban Development Grant \$2.045 million from Partnership for Sustainable communities, a consortium between HUD, DOT, EPA

2012

Technical analysis

Forecasting land use

2013

Steering Committee formed

Regional Transit Vision

2014

Workshops, forums, and public engagement

Fair Housing Assessment

Vision Rollout event

2015

Launch of governance infrastructure

Regional Bike-Ped Plan

Inaugural summit and speaker series

2016

Inaugural Learning Site Visit Salt Lake City

Finalization of Action Plan

Close the Gap introduced

Mini Grants launched

2017

Smart Cities Steering Committee

Learning Site Visit Minneapolis

Close the Gap White Paper

Launch of work groups

2018

Update of Regional Equity Profile Analysis

Learning Site Visit Pittsburgh

Heartland 2050 Refresh

ROI Transit Investment Analysis

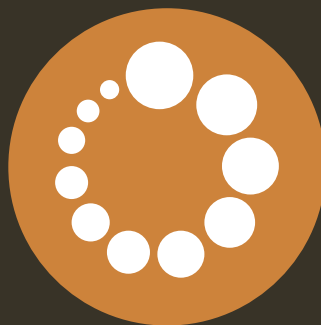
Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Project Status



IN PROGRESS

- Smart Cities Steering Committee
- ROA Transit Investment Analysis
- Heartland 2050 Refresh
- Data Forecast and Land Use Model Update
- Regional Transportation Plan



ON-GOING

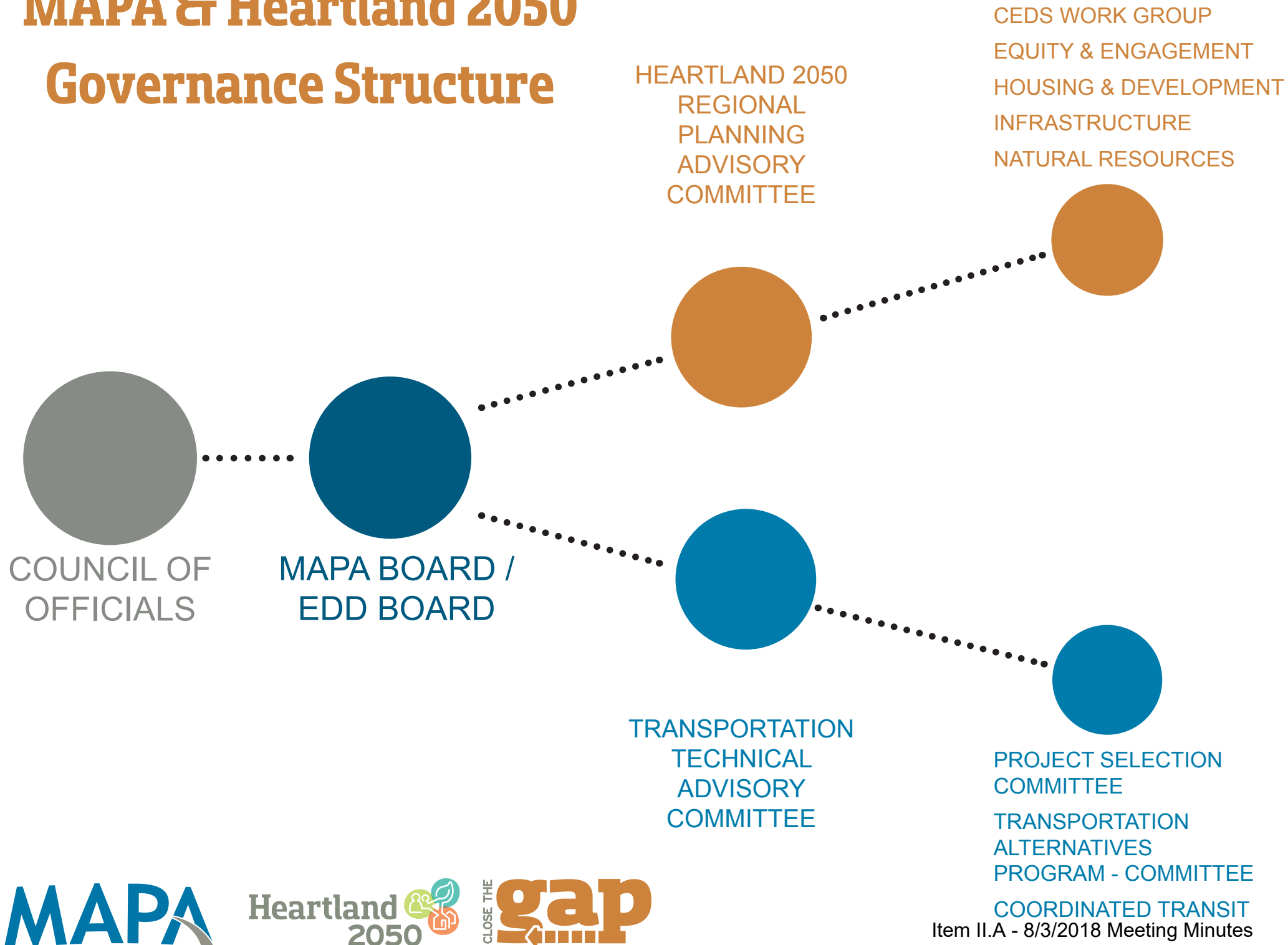
- Block Talks
- Peter Kiewit Multi-year Funding
- Local Foods Collaboration Hub
- Mini-Grants
- Site Visits
 - Salt Lake City 2016
 - Minneapolis 2017
 - Pittsburgh 2018
- Close the Gap
- Events
 - Summits
 - Speakers series



COMPLETED

- Affirmative Fair Housing Assessment
- Close the Gap White Paper
- Regional Equitable Growth Profile Update
- GOC Industrial Market Analysis
- Block Talk toolkit

MAPA & Heartland 2050 Governance Structure



Heartland 2050 Refresh Process/Timeline

Desired Work Product

- *concise document, (> 10 pages)*
- *emphasis on graphics and summarized presentation*
- *limited narrative.*

August/September

Revise/Edit 1-15 - Karna Loewenstein - MAPA Staff

Meet with:

Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Infrastructure
Equity and Engagement
Housing and Development
Natural Resources

Review Outcomes - Action Steps - Committee Members/MAPA Staff

In Progress	Who/ What
On-Going	Who/What
Completed	Who/What
Drop	Why
On-Hold	Why
Additions	

October

Draft for Review @ October 5 RPAC Meeting
Draft for Review to Implementation Committees
Draft for Review to MAPA Staff

November

Respond to feedback/comments

December

Present Action Plan Refresh for RPAC Approval (12/9/18)

January 2019

Present Action Plan Refresh to MAPA Board

April

Present Action Plan Refresh to Council of Officials

HEARTLAND 2050 is



a community driven initiative

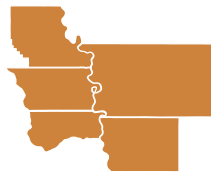
pulling in stakeholders

→ from across the region ←

to think BIG &
work towards a common vision

for our five county region

anchored by the Omaha-
Council Bluffs metro area



OUR PROMISE

We are rolling up our sleeves every day, with one eye on the big picture and the other on the little details. Our role in all of this is to bring people together to solve problems and make the vision a reality.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**for the Heartland
2050 Vision**

Equity

All individuals, regardless of ability, and communities within the region will have full and equal access to the opportunities which enable them to attain their full potential.

Inclusivity

Decision making and the implementation of solutions in the region will be done in a way which ensures all of the region's residents have an opportunity to participate in the process, implementation and evaluation.

Efficiency

Public infrastructure and services will be provided efficiently and cost-effectively.

Local Control/Regional Benefit

It is critical that cities and counties within the region maintain local control over their communities, while also working together collectively to ensure that local decisions enhance rather than affect other neighborhoods, communities or the region as a whole adversely.

HEARTLAND 2050 VISION STATEMENT

Heartland 2050 is a community driven initiative pulling in stakeholders from across the region to think big picture and work towards a common vision for our eight county region, anchored by the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area.

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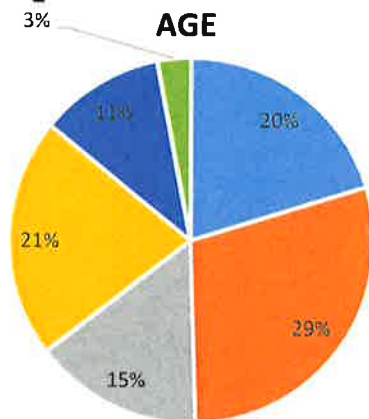
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Equity Profile Task Force Recommendations

Voting Summary

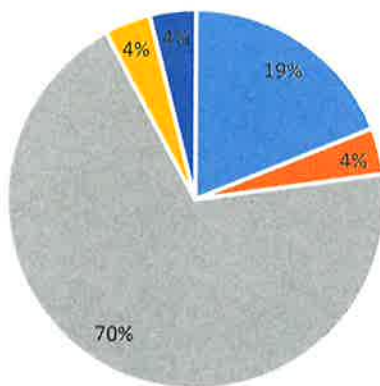
Demographics of Audience: 143 people

AGE



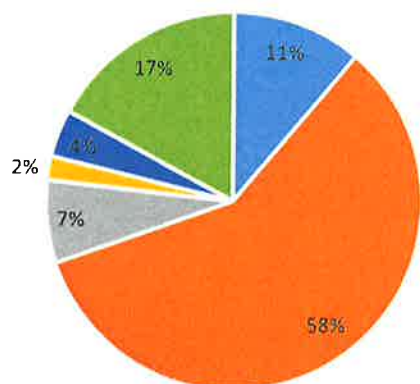
■ 15-29 ■ 30-39 ■ 40-49 ■ 50-59 ■ 60-69 ■ 70+

RACE/ETHNICITY



■ Black ■ Latino
■ White ■ Asian or Pacific Islander
■ Mixed/other

SECTORS REPRESENTED

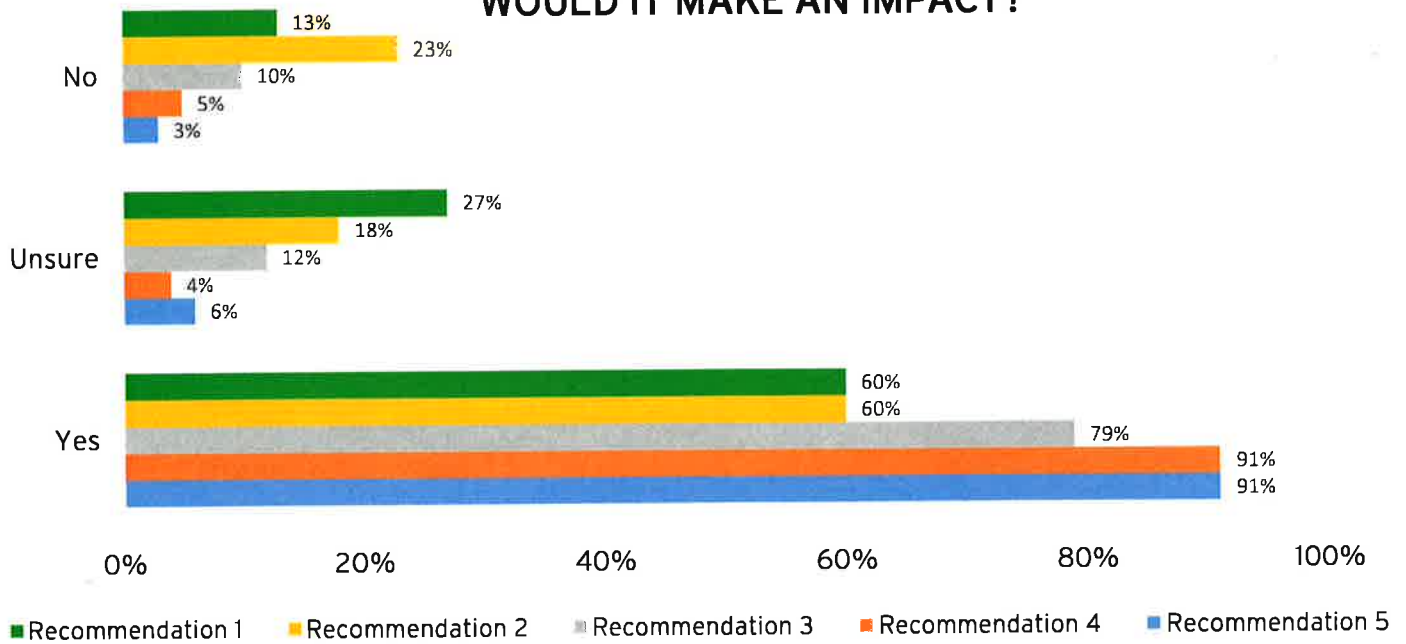


■ Private Sector ■ Non-profit ■ Education
■ Public Entity ■ Health Care ■ Government

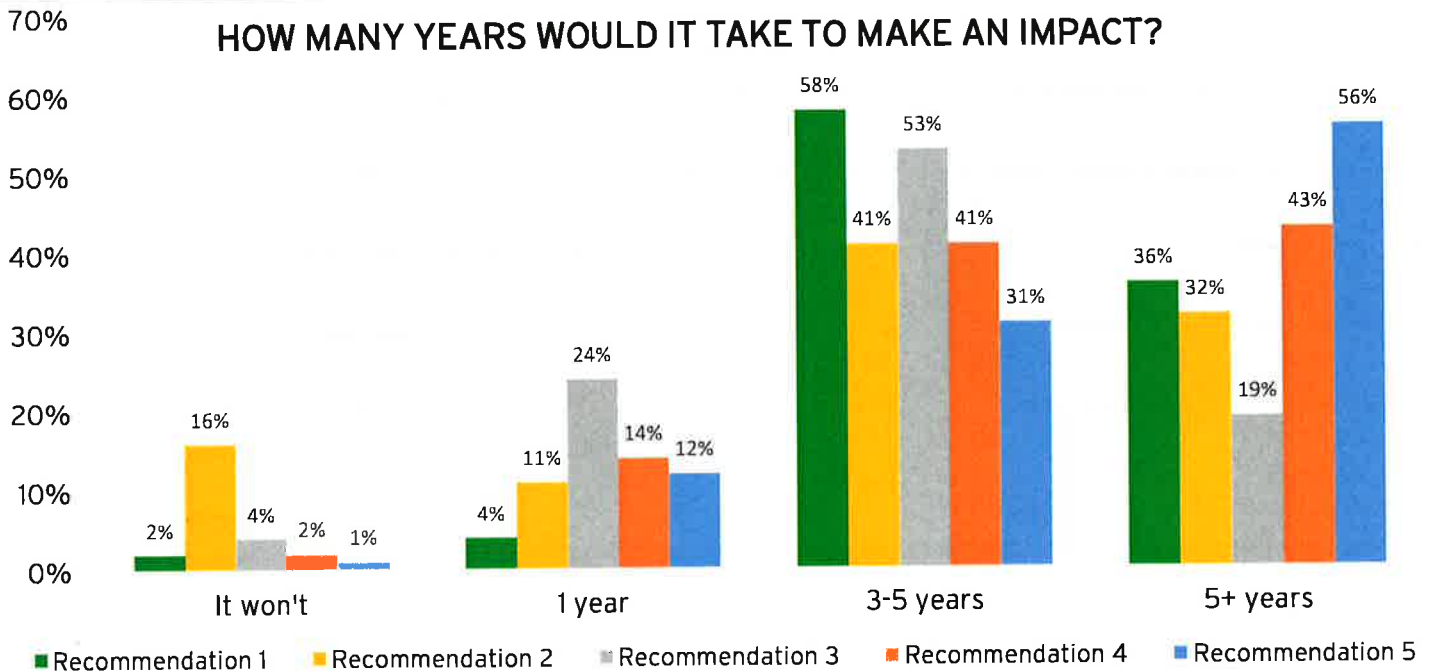
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Ensure jobs created by public dollars benefit those with the greatest need through local and targeted hiring:
 - Volunteer revision to employers hiring procedures to build in connections with referral sources that can promptly send qualified local and targeted workers in response to employer requests
2. Ensure equitable contracting and procurement to address racial inequities in business growth:
 - Consider race-neutral policies in equitable contracting and procurement
3. Raise the floor on low wage jobs and strengthen workers' rights:
 - Transform low wage jobs into good jobs by setting high community standards for wages and benefits
4. Cultivate homegrown talent through a strong and resilient cradle to career pipeline:
 - Increase the availability of apprenticeships, career academies, linked learning, high quality after schooling programming, youth development activities and other education and training supports
5. Coordinate housing, transportation, and economic development investments to create healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods:
 - Increasing access and affordability of sustainable infrastructure for vulnerable populations and target infrastructure resources to expand opportunity in high need, low income communities "fix it first"

WOULD IT MAKE AN IMPACT?

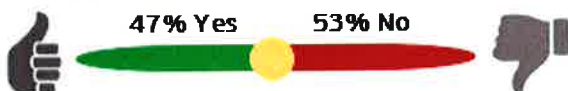


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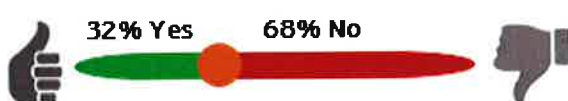


WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THIS RECOMMENDATION?

Recommendation 1



Recommendation 2



Recommendation 3



Recommendation 4

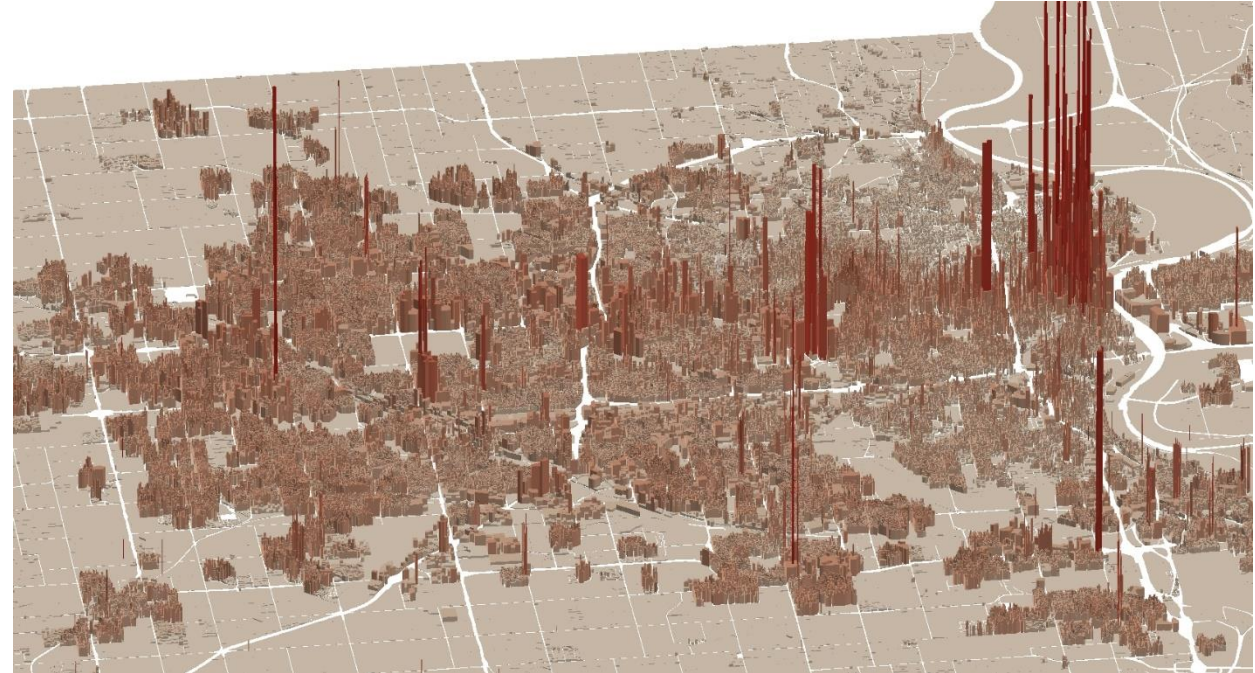


Recommendation 5



Taxable Value Per Acre Report

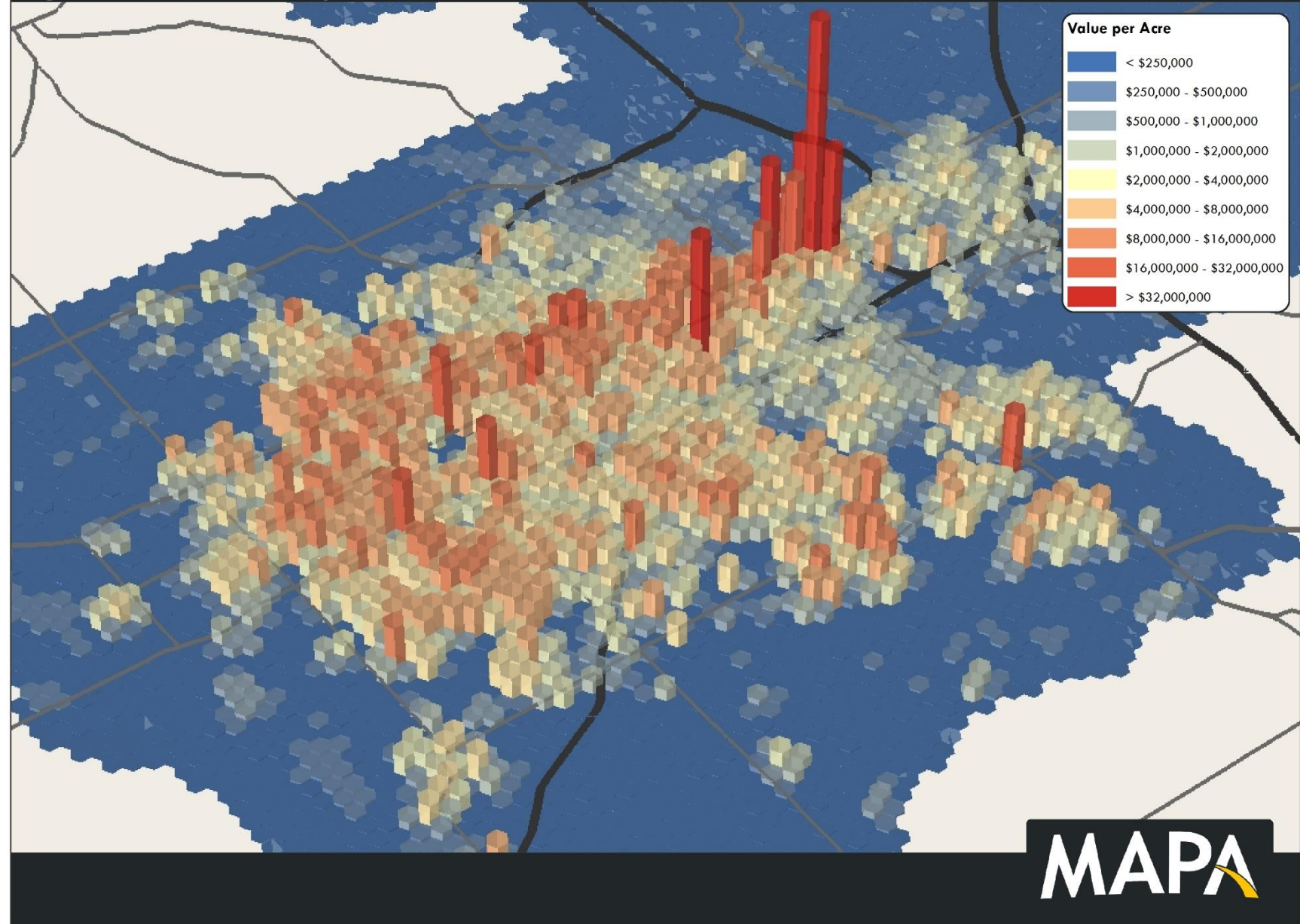
- Visualization of value per acre
- Similar analyses done in other metros (Urban3)
- Establishing some basic metrics for monitoring growth
- Full Report:
mapacog.org/reports/taxable-value-per-acre/



Visualization

Household Density
Employment Density
Total Valuation
Valuation Per Acre

Figure 4 - Assessed Value per Acre



Limitations & Next Steps

- Only capture property tax base
- Restrictions on use of sales tax below zip code
- Regional Development Report
 - Summarize permit and platting data
 - Incorporate new metrics
 - Compare to population estimates
 - Monitor growth and Heartland 2050 Vision Scenario



H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee Proposed Ground Rules

- Disruptive side conversations should not occur
- Seek to understand and respect one another
- Agree to disagree
- Criticism is respectful
- Don't personalize differences
- Be transparent and open
- No remediation will occur during meetings - minutes will be recorded and distributed by MAPA staff
- Start on-time – End on-time
- Attendance is important and should be consistent

HEARTLAND 2050

REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I – ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1.01: NAME

The name of this Committee shall be the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (H2050-RPAC) of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA).

SECTION 1.02: ORIGIN

This Committee is a subcommittee of the MAPA Board of Directors.

SECTION 1.03: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee is to provide a forum to coordinate future planning and growth in the Greater Omaha-Council Bluffs region. The Committee will provide direction for the regional vision (Heartland 2050) through oversight of the Implementation Committees work and strategic decision making.

ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION

SECTION 2.01: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Composition: Appointed members should have expertise and/or strong interest in planning and development. Committee membership shall consists of the following:
 - a. A chairperson appointed by the Board.
 - b. A vice chairperson appointed by the Board.
 - c. A member appointed by the Mayor from each city with at least 5,000 residents as of the last decennial Census. The Board may also choose to include representatives from cities that are near 5,000 residents, especially if it is a growing community that has surpassed 5,000 residents in intercensal estimates.
 - d. The City of Omaha will be represented by two members.

- e. Each MAPA member county will be represented by a member appointed by the County Board. The Chair of each of the Implementation Committee areas.
- f. An employee from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall participate in discussions of the Committee but shall not have voting privileges as limited by their employment with HUD.
- g. Topic experts in the areas of Economic Development, Education, Health and Safety.
- h. Additional at large members representing urban, suburban, rural interests, emerging and seasoned leadership, with attention ensuring geographic, ethnic and gender diversity.
- i. The membership of this committee shall not exceed forty.

All members are voting members. Voting members who are not able to attend meetings shall be allowed to send a proxy to represent their interests.

B. Terms of Appointment:

At Large Appointments shall be for one year commencing July 1 to coincide with the MAPA fiscal year. At Large Committee Members shall be eligible for reappointment. At Large Committee Members shall be appointed and/or reappointed by the chairperson with recommendations from MAPA staff and/or H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee members.

County and City Appointees will be confirmed annually by the respective affiliations.

At large appointments to fill vacancies on the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee will be made by the chairperson with recommendations from MAPA staff.

Responsibilities: The Committee will recommend priorities for collaborative work and identify funding opportunities to execute such work. The Committee will oversee data and research related to planning and development. The Committee will make recommendations for aforementioned work areas to the MAPA Board. Committee members serve as liaisons to their respective jurisdictions, organizations and other networks.

Responsibilities of the Committee shall include:

- Oversee and make recommendations on the Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) goals and strategies
- Recommend priorities for H2050 action items
- Oversee, create, and disbanding H2050-RPAC subcommittees and work groups
- Identify areas for multijurisdictional projects and collaboration
- Identify funding opportunities
- Provide updates on local planning and development

- Coordinate data and monitor progress for regional priorities, including growth and development-related data
- Serve as liaisons to local communities and organizations
- Review and make recommendations on MAPA plans, reports, and studies including LRTP and CEDS to MAPA Board.
- Other duties as assigned by MAPA staff or the MAPA Board of Directors.

SECTION 2.02: OFFICERS

A. Appointment of Officers:

1. Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee Chairperson

A vacancy in this office shall be filled by appointment of the Council of Officials President and MAPA Board President based on recommendation from MAPA staff.

2. Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee Vice Chairperson

In the event that the Committee Chairperson cannot attend the meeting, the Vice Chairperson will assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by appointment of the Council of Officials President and MAPA Board President based on recommendation from MAPA staff.

3. Temporary Chairperson

In the event that both the Chair and Vice Chair cannot attend a meeting, a MAPA staff member will assume responsibility for conducting a meeting.

B. Terms of Office: The Committee officers shall serve one-year terms concurrent with the MAPA fiscal year. These offices are eligible for re-appointment.

C. Duties of Officers:

The Chairperson shall call and preside at all meetings of the H2050-RPAC Regional Planning. The Chairperson shall approve agendas, provide communication between the Committee and the MAPA Staff and represent the Committee in the other usual duties of the office.

The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in their absence and shall perform other duties as the Chairperson may assign.

SECTION 2.03: MAPA STAFF LIAISONS

The MAPA Executive Director, MAPA Transportation and Data Manager, MAPA Community Development Manager, MAPA Heartland 2050 Project Coordinator and MAPA Community Relations Manager will assist and advise the Chair and the Committee in carrying out the purposes set forth in these bylaws.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION 3.01: DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS

The Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee shall have regular meetings occurring at least quarterly. The regular meeting date and time shall be established by the Committee at its initial meeting, subject to change at a later date if necessary. The Chairperson shall call special meetings as needed.

SECTION 3.02: NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The notice of meetings shall be emailed to committee members at least seven days in advance of the meeting date whenever possible. The agenda, minutes and other materials shall be emailed with the meeting notice.

SECTION 3.03: QUORUM, CONSENSUS, AND VOTING

The participation of two thirds of the membership of voting members of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a simple majority plus one of members present shall decide questions brought before the Committee. The chairperson will be considered as part of the quorum and shall vote.

If voting members are unable to attend the Committee meeting in person, they may designate a proxy representative who shall possess their voting privileges for the designated meeting.

SECTION 3.04: ABSENCES

Any Committee participant who will be absent from a meeting shall have the right to designate a representative to serve in their place. Three unexcused absences shall be cause for consideration of removal from the Committee. Committee members that have ceased attending RPAC meetings can be removed from membership after that agency's third unexcused absence by a two thirds vote of the membership.

SECTION 3.05: GROUND RULES

Meetings will start on time and end on time. No remediation will occur during meetings. Members will seek to understand and respect one another, agree to disagree, criticize in a respectful way, and differences will not be personalized.

ARTICLE IV – BYLAWS

SECTION 4.01: PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING BYLAWS

The Bylaws shall be amended only by a majority vote of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee when a quorum is present.

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2018

Nancy Pridal, Chairperson

MAPA Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Greg Youell Executive Director

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Rita Sanders Chair

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Board

Workgroup members

- Participate in workgroup to solve common issues, identify and address gaps in services, identify opportunities for collaboration
- Leads of ongoing committees (e.g. breastfeeding, CHW) share progress with workgroup leads
- Implement individual good works, align activities to common goals, strategies, and objectives

Workgroup Leads

- Engage members of workgroup
- Provide communication link between leadership and workgroup members
- Facilitate workgroup to advance collective work to solve common issues, identify and address gaps in system, identify opportunities for collaboration

Data Manager

- Track, develop, analyze, communicate progress on indicators, goals, and objectives

Convener/Facilitator

- Manage the overall initiative (staff, finances, reporting)
- Keep an eye on the big picture
- Help shape strategic direction
- Play a hands-on role engaging partners and facilitating their collaboration
- Ensure the work of the initiative is effectively communicated with others.

Leadership:

- Vision and leadership for the collaboration
- Overall direction-setting and decision-making
- Accountable for evaluation and outcomes
- Strategic guidance and support to staff and each other (connections, influence)
- A learning, trusting table, modeling best collaborative practice

Executive Leadership [Chair, Vice Chair, Fiscal Agent]

- Acts on behalf of the Leadership between meetings
- Helps coordinate various elements of the structure and the initiative
- Provides input on strategic planning to the Leadership
- Provides guidance and support to staff

Goal #1 Infrastructure - Sustain Growth Through Targeted Investment

Invest in infrastructure that supports quality, connected development and provides more transportation choices.

Strategies

- A. Expand multi-modal transportation choices, including walking, biking, transit, and ride-sharing strategies.
- B. Secure additional resources to invest in needed transportation infrastructure.
- C. Plan utility services to encourage efficient, compact growth.
- D. Diversify energy portfolio to provide increased access to diverse energy sources

Next Steps

- Develop a coordinated and unified transportation plan to meet current and future needs and expands transportation choices, which is supported by the private and philanthropic sector
- Increasing access and affordability of sustainable infrastructure for vulnerable populations and target infrastructure resources to expand opportunity in high need, low income communities
- Review options for additional transportation funding, such as the creation of transportation districts and coordinated multi-county ballot measures
- Coordinate local, regional and state investments through a regional capital improvement program similar to the MAPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Support local complete streets policies
- Provide funding toward studies and projects that implement smart growth with expanded transportation options
- Focus transportation investments on increased mobility and access to jobs and education
- Coordinate economic development investments with infrastructure investments and housing development
- Incorporate the H2050 nodes and corridors strategy into economic development efforts and municipal planning and growth

- Encourage shared water and wastewater resources and coordination of services and treatment facilities to provide for multiple cities within drainage service areas
- Provide efficient access to a diverse portfolio of reliable energy sources, including renewables, distributed energy generation and conservation practices



GOAL # 2 HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT-

Provide Ample Housing Choices

Create vibrant and walkable communities with a range of housing choices and locations.

Strategies

- A. Communicate the Value of Compact Development through Nodes and Corridors
- B. Reduce Barriers to Encourage Infill Development
- C. Focus New Development in Existing Communities and Town Centers
- D. Elevate Affordable Housing as Regional Priority
- E. Maximize the Vibrancy of the Urban Core and Riverfront

Next Steps

- Advocate for zoning and building codes that offer greater flexibility for the size of lots and housing.
- Encourage rural code compliance enforcement

- Identify best practices for infill development from peer communities
- Map areas that have infill opportunities in urban and suburban locations
- Convene a regional developers forum to encourage infill development
- Identify partners and target sites for short term infill catalyst projects
- Encourage rehabilitation, preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of existing and historic structures
- Engage residents in the infill development processes that impact their neighborhoods
- Ensure infill and compact development are priorities of local land use plans

- Develop education and outreach to development community about expanding housing choices
- Support efforts to develop Transit Oriented Development (TOD) tools for communities
- Create a toolkit of development resources. neighborhood resources and funding/financing tools
- Develop regional development report to monitor growth and assess long-term financial impacts to low-density development

Housing and Development Page 2

- Develop a regional housing study focused on affordable housing and homelessness
 - Educate neighbors and elected officials about affordable housing and who lives there
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 - Coordinate housing, transportation, and economic development investments to create healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods
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- Support regional efforts to activate the Missouri Riverfront and catalyze new development

GOAL #3 - NATURAL RESOURCES

Leverage Natural Systems for Recreation and Resiliency

Ensure long term sustainability of our region by increasing access to natural environments and providing resiliency from natural disasters.

Strategies

- A. Preserve our natural resources through a safe regional trail and green space system
- B. Manage and conserve water as a beneficial resource
- C. Protect and enhance air quality
- D. Effectively reduce and manage solid waste and landfills
- E. Ensure a sustainable system of local agriculture that provides food to the region and protects agricultural land use

Next Steps

- Establish a plan, addressing financing mechanisms, policies, and education and outreach for each strategic area
- Coordinate a regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
- Create a H2050 Regional Park and Trail Partnership
- Develop a Regional trails marketing plan
- Complete a regional Natural Resources Inventory
- Complete a Regional Green Space and Land Use Assessment
- Establish a Heartland 2050 Water Resources Coordinating Committee
- Identify streams and watersheds for regional focus
- Assess current stormwater/green infrastructure codes
- Conserve and protect high quality of water resources

Natural Resources Page 2

- Coordinate a Clean Air Action Plan and create a clean air partnership
 - Identify and incentivize installation of alternatives fuel stations
 - Identify opportunities to beta-test technologies, programs and policies to meet changing air quality regulatory requirements
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- Maintain Waste Management areas the utilize regional landfills and minimize transportation impacts.
 - Use methane generated by solid waste treatment for energy purposes
 - Encourage regional adoption of the integrated solid waste hierarchy
 - Provide increased access to recycling pick-up and drop-off centers
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- Continue and expand H2050 Local Foods Coordinating Council
 - Expand local food access year-round
 - Implement a plan to produce equitable access to fresh local food
 - Develop a local, self-reliant food economy

