

## Suburban Transect Workgroup Notes

### *Goals identified with a 'red dot' as having a challenge or issue within the transect:*

- Multi-modal transportation including transit, pedestrian, and bicycle use, become a larger share of all trips made in the region, resulting in cleaner air and healthier communities. (four dots)
- Business friendly policies and infrastructure. (three dots)
- The region's ecosystem provides healthy and adequate water, air, soil and food resources for current and future generations of people, wildlife and other living things. (one dot)
- The region preserves and incorporates natural areas and open spaces providing opportunities for current and future generations. (one dot)
- Increase access to equitable, affordable housing. (one dot)

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- Some development codes make it difficult to promote walking/biking
- Some communities don't want intercity transit because could bring in "undesirables" and also residents would then leave to shop, eat, etc. somewhere else

### *Goals identified with a 'green dot' (top goals receiving the most dots that were discussed):*

- Multi-modal transportation including transit, pedestrian, and bicycle use, become a larger share of all trips made in the region, resulting in cleaner air and healthier communities. (nine dots)
- Promote policies that coordinate transportation and land use and reduce the strain on resources. (nine dots)
- Housing, transportation, land use and infrastructure services and policies are coordinated to increase access to areas of opportunity, including: quality education, healthy food, and quality jobs to all region residents. (eight dots)
- Maximize potential of existing neighborhoods. (eight dots)
- The region's built environment promotes healthy communities, including affordable healthy housing and safe neighborhoods, walkable, communities, and access to open space and recreational opportunities. (seven dots)
- The region's transportation and infrastructure investments provide strategic access, linking residents, jobs, education, services, and other amenities. (seven dots)

- The region preserves and incorporates natural areas and open spaces providing opportunities for current and future generations. (six dots)
- Increase recycling, reuse and diversion of waste. (five dots)
- Increase education and skill attainment of the region's residents to establish a competitive, trained diverse workforce. (five dots)
- Prioritize investments where people live and work by maintaining, leveraging, and coordinating existing infrastructure when making investments. (five dots)
- Business-friendly policies and infrastructure. (five dots)
- The region's communities, businesses and individuals have access to a broad spectrum of educational, business, entrepreneurial, employment and investment opportunities. (four dots)
- Maximize potential of new neighborhoods, while minimizing impact on natural resources. (four dots)
- The region's ecosystem provides healthy and adequate water, air, soil and food resources for current and future generation of people, wildlife and other living things. (four dots)
- Communities across the region have diversified housing stock that provides quality housing choice that meets the needs of the region's population, including the needs of the elderly, disable, and low income populations. (three dots)
- The region increases efficiency and conservation, reduces resource and non-renewable energy consumption and increases availability of renewable resources (supply and demand side). (three dots)
- Promote effective goods movement while improving quality of life for residents. (two dots)
- The region embraces its multicultural, historical, and natural assets to ensure that its communities retain and/or enhance their unique context. (two dots)
- Communities pursue resilient, adaptable, and diverse economies. (two dots)
- The region's residents are able to earn a livable wage that promotes healthy and safe communities and families. (two dots)
- Increase access to equitable, affordable housing. (one dot)

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- People want choices
- Disconnected from other communities, need connectivity
- Have to look at policies (how to require sidewalks, etc.)
- Public transportation often subsidized

- Good design is happening in some places
- Need to coordinate between neighborhoods
- Zoning makes places compartmentalized
- People are demanding the amenities (parks, trails)
- How do we retrofit existing communities?
- New thoroughfares can hurt older businesses when traffic moves to the new road
- Some places need sidewalks outside of a neighborhood to get to shopping centers, but not necessarily in a neighborhood
- There is a concern people will move to urban areas if getting to work is too difficult

*Goal:* Promote policies that coordinate transportation and land use and reduce the strain on resources.

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- Also need affordable housing options near jobs and jobs near the affordable housing
- Density leads to transit
- Need diversity of housing in areas
- Thinking of houses as investments is problematic for encouraging diversity of housing in a neighborhood
- People are willing to take the risk on diverse housing neighborhoods when they are close to shops, restaurants, etc.
- Maybe need to change policies to make it easier to build mixed-use development projects
- Zoning can help and hinder

### *Metrics exercise*

- Housing/transportation cost (eight dots)
- Quality of life index (eight dots)
- Permitting, incentives and taxation (eight dots)
- Investments in key infrastructure (utility, infrastructure, technology) (eight dots)
- Increasing education and vocation opportunities for youth (seven dots)
- Increases in key infrastructure (seven dots)
- Number of businesses created and lost (analysis of factors & sizes) (five dots)
- Population trends/unemployment rate/underemployment (five dots)
- Property and sales tax (five dots)
- Employment rate and mix for non-degreed residents (three dots)
- Measure NAIC growth and loss rates (three dots)
- Percent of local budget for capital (three dots)
- County level cost of living/livable wage (two dots)

- Comparison of TEA report (two dots)
- Benchmark educational attainment vs. other regions (one dot)
- Review of codes (industry)/growth of high growth occupations (one dot)
- Disposable income (one dot)

*Housing/transportation cost*

- Needs to include the cost of time spent commuting

*Quality of life index*

Send this one back to the workgroup.

- How will this be measured?
- It is too subjective
- Different for different people

*Permitting, incentives, and taxation*

- Hard to measure
- How do we define separate communities, particularly those in the unincorporated portions of counties?
- Are there allowances for different types of businesses (manufacturing, service industry)?