# REGIONAL PLAN FOR SUSTAINABILITY



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#### WHY ARE WE HERE?

There is an emerging recognition that this region has the building blocks to be one of the most livable, equitable and sustainable places in the nation

#### Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

- Regionally-adopted, consensus-based
- Based on citizen input, including a major focus on building capacity of underrepresented groups to meaningfully participate in this and future planning efforts
- Articulate a vision and set measurable goals whose progress can be tracked through metrics and distribution of data to stakeholders and the public

#### Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

- Will address the interaction of
  - Land use
  - Transportation
  - Housing
  - Economic development
  - Infrastructure
  - Health
- Social equity issues related to each of these elements will be incorporated
- Appropriate implementation strategies will be developed for the region's urban, suburban, rural and coastal communities

#### **Our Common Desires**

#### **Equitable** outcomes

- Sense of identity and context
- World-Class Regional Transit System
- Walkable, mixed-use, mixed-income places
- Emphasis on infill and existing infrastructure
- Resilient communities to disasters and climate change
- Green building
- Access to high quality health care, fresh food, and education
- Local green business, and a robust export sector
- Preserved open spaces
- Regional and Local cooperation and coordination
- A legacy for future generations
- Balanced lifestyle

## **Key Elements of Planning Process**

- Baseline data, metrics established
- Three scenarios policy/investment scenarios developed and tested
- Consortium will select preferred scenario elements that will best meet goals
- Context-specific implementation strategies developed, many through case studies conducted with in partnership with individual communities
- Create a platform for ongoing dialogue between regional entities, local stakeholders and the public to move towards the goals.

## **Key Public Engagement Phases**

- Formulating initial vision, goals and values
- Choosing preferred scenarios
- Prioritizing implementation strategies
- Reviewing final plan document
- Building commitments to implementation

#### **CC Basic Responsibilities**

- Provide guidance and expertise in developing and implementing the planning process
- Facilitate participation and input from stakeholders
- Provide specific assistance as identified in the application or as otherwise warranted
- Review, Approve and Adopt the Plan

### **CC Additional Responsibilities**

#### Potential Subcommittees

- Administration
- Consortium Operations
- Stakeholders
- Metrics/Analysis/Scenario Development
- Public Engagement
- Case Studies
- Implementation
- Leadership
- Bring additional resources to the table



## UNIFIED VOICE