

Business Item

Committee of the Whole



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Public Hearing on the Draft Amendment to Imagine 2050, Outcomes Measurement Program

District(s), member(s): All

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Proposed action

No action—Public Hearing to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Background

This proposed action amends Imagine 2050 to establish the Outcomes Measurement Program, a monitoring effort designed to inform dialogues about the region's progress toward realizing the intended outcomes of the newly adopted regional development guide.

Measurement is fundamental to building accountability between government agencies, the partners they work with, and populations they serve. The Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program builds on past commitments to monitor trends relevant to the implementation of regional development guides that originated in 2030 Regional Development Framework (2004), followed by Thrive MSP 2040 (2014). With the adoption of Imagine 2050 in February comes the opportunity to advance these efforts by establishing a new, outcomes-focused measurement program through this amendment. [Additional background about program development is summarized in Business Item 2025-274.](#)

Draft Amendment

The Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program draft amendment consists of two documents; both are open for public comment and are posted on the program's webpage (<https://metro council.org/Imagine2050Outcomes>) with other program information:

- Part A – Program Narrative: This document describes the commitments, guiding principles, and structure for the program.
- Part B – Technical Appendix: This document provides a list of proposed measures across Imagine 2050's five regional goals and policy areas.

Next steps

On October 22, 2025, the Metropolitan Council authorized the release of the draft amendment for public comment and scheduled today's public hearing. The full public comment period runs from October 23, 2025 to December 22, 2025.

On January 14, 2026, Council staff will present a Public Comment Report that summarizes public comments received on the draft amendment, share a finalized version of the amendment based on that input, and request the adoption of the Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program amendment.

Rationale

Proposed amendments to the regional development guide, Imagine 2050, must hold a 30-day public comment period including a public hearing prior to adoption.

Imagine 2050 analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Imagine 2050 emphasizes the importance of data-driven decision making from a shared foundation of information. Compiling trends relevant to regional policy direction and related outcomes is consistent with the Imagine 2050 value of Accountability, which states: “We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes.”

Funding

This action has no funding implications. The Outcomes Measurements Program will be advanced and developed as part of the work of existing staff across the Council.

Small business inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business with the proposed action.

