REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF REGIONAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION SCENARIOS



One Region, Focusing on Our Future

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VISION 2050 Process

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Visioning





















Visioning

- □ Visioning Workshops #1 − Fall 2013
 - Visual Preference Survey
 - Land Use and Transportation SWOTs
 - Identifying Goals for Land Use and Transportation
 - Important Places Mapping
- □ Telephone Preference Survey *Fall 2013*
- □ Online Surveys − *Fall 2013*



Visioning

- □ Visioning Workshops #2 − *Winter 2013/2014*
 - Overview of Preliminary Visioning Results
 - Review and Rate Draft Vision Guiding Statements
 - Initial Input into "Sketch" Scenarios

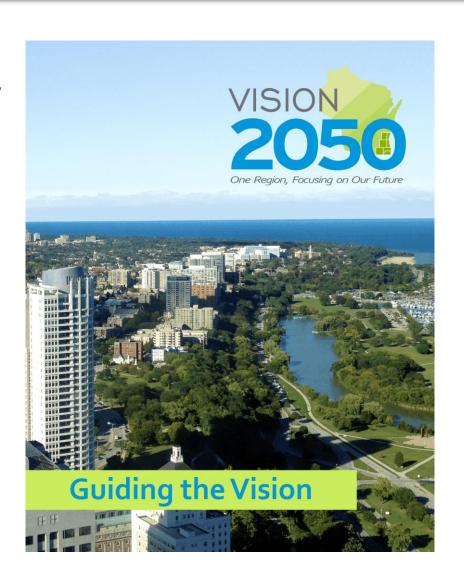
□ Input to date used to create *Guiding the Vision*...



VISION 2050: Guiding the Vision

- □ Released in June, Guiding the Vision expresses a preliminary vision for future land and transportation system development in the Region
- Based on values and priorities expressed through initial visioning activities
- Serves as guide for VISION
 2050 process, including
 developing and comparing
 sketch scenarios





VISION 2050: Guiding the Vision

Achieve a Robust, Regional Transit System

Preserve Farmland

Work Together Toward
Common Goals

Balance Jobs and Housing

Provide a High-quality Network of Streets and Highways Maintain Small Town
Character

Ensure that Goods

Move Efficiently

Achieve More Compact Development

Prepare for Change in Travel Preferences and Technologies

Make Wise Infrastructure Investments

Develop an Integrated, Multimodal Transportation System

Preserve Natural Resources and Open Spaces

Develop an Expansive, Well-connected Bicycle and Pedestrian Network

Strengthen Existing
Urban Areas



Be Environmentally Responsible

SKETCH SCENARIOS FOR LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Activities at the Workshops

- □ Visioning Workshops #3 Fall 2014
 - Overview of VISION 2050 and initial visioning results
 - Overview of "Sketch" Scenarios
 - Explore the Scenarios (small group activity)



Sketch Scenarios

- Guiding the Vision provides direction for "Sketch" Land Use and Transportation Scenarios
- □ Sketch scenarios are *conceptual designs*
 - Purpose is to allow residents to consider the long-term consequences of alternative paths of developing the Region's land and transportation system



Scenarios At a Glance

Topic	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D	Scenario E
Housing Mix Single Family Homes vs. Condos, Apts, Townhomes	66.9% 33.1%	66.6% 33.4%	64.6% 35.4%	65.6% 34.4%	64.0% 36.0%
Density ● = Residential ● = Jobs ★ = Transit Station					
Transportation Choices					



Development Pattern

 Location and density of development vary between scenarios

Scenario A: more growth at lower densities—large lots outside existing urban centers





Scenario B: higher densities—smaller lots focused within and at the edge of existing urban centers



Development Pattern

- Scenarios C, D, and E include more compact development than Scenario B
 - New development/redevelopment as "TOD" around rapid transit and/or commuter rail stations









Healthy Communities

 Bicycle and pedestrian facilities also vary under the scenarios

More compact development in Scenarios B/C/D/E—particularly the TOD in C/D/E—creates more "walkable" neighborhoods





Healthy Communities

Well-connected bicycle facilities are an important consideration as well



All five scenarios assume a regional bicycle network of on- and off-street facilities by 2050

Scenarios C/D/E include higher levels of accommodation (e.g. protected bike lanes or buffered bike lanes)





Transportation System Investment

 The scenarios include different investments in arterial streets and highways and transit

Scenarios A and B include highway capacity additions to address traffic congestion





Scenarios C/D/E limit highway improvements to modernization and preservation



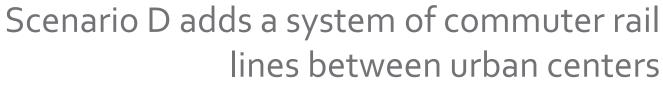
Transportation System Investment

Scenario A includes further transit service decline, while Scenarios B/C/D/E expand local bus service and establish express bus service





Scenario C adds a system of rapid transit lines—light rail and bus rapid transit—in urban centers







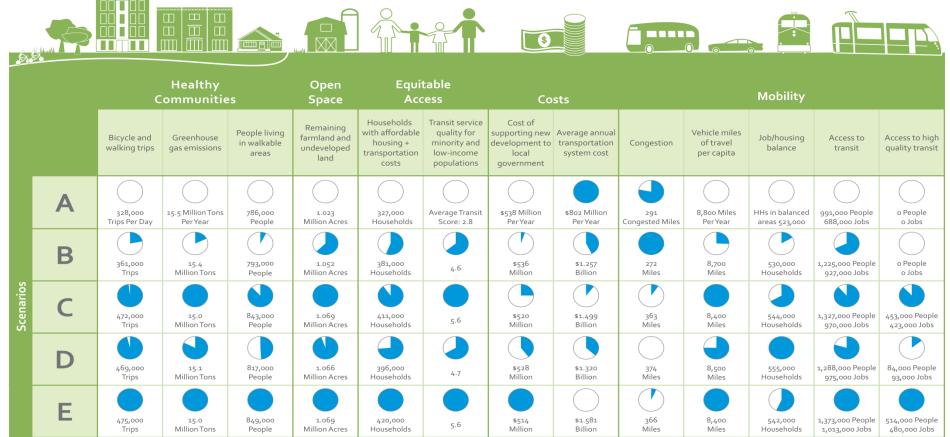
Scenario E adds a system of both rapid transit and commuter rail

Scenario Evaluation



2050 SCENARIO SCORECARD







Scenario A

- Most new development would occur as redevelopment and infill in existing cities and villages throughout the Region; however, more new development would happen on undeveloped land outside of urban service areas than under the other scenarios
 - Including single-family homes on lots greater than 1.5 acres outside urban service areas
- 25% reduction in transit service
- Widenings of highways to address congestion
- Continued expansion of regional bicycle network
- Discussion?



Scenario B

- New development would occur as redevelopment and infill in existing cities and villages throughout the Region, and on undeveloped land adjacent to existing cities and villages
 - New single-family homes would have smaller lots
- Doubling of transit service by 2050
- Widenings of highways to address congestion
- Continued expansion of regional bicycle network
- Discussion?



Scenario C

- New development centered around a six line rapid transit network in the Milwaukee metro area
 - Light rail, bus rapid transit
 - Compact, mixed use development around transit stations (TOD)
- No widening of highways to address congestion
- Continued expansion of regional bicycle network with higher level of accommodation
- Discussion?



Scenario D

- New development centered around a four line commuter rail network connecting communities in the Region
 - Compact, mixed use development around transit stations (TOD)
- No widening of highways to address congestion
- Continued expansion of regional bicycle network with higher level of accommodation
- Discussion?



Scenario E

- New development centered around both rapid transit and commuter rail networks
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Alternative Plans

- Scenarios will be refined to develop Detailed Alternative Land Use and Transportation Plans to be further evaluated and considered
 - Specific land development pattern
 - Specific transportation system
- Will be evaluated using *Objectives and Criteria* based on the Guiding Statements
- □ Public review, input, and polling (spring/summer 2015)



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Recommended Plan

- Preliminary Recommended Plan
 - Developed based on consideration and evaluation of alternatives
 - Will attempt to provide a consensus plan for the future of the Region
- Presented to the public for review (summer/fall 2015)
 - Feedback considered as final recommended land use and transportation plan is developed



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