

Feedback on Preliminary Guiding Principles to date

The Regional Advisory Working Group (April 3), and Policy Advisory Council (April 11) have provided feedback on the same Guiding Principles presented today. Below is a summary of feedback shared by both bodies. Staff feels confident we can incorporate much of the feedback into a revised set of Guiding Principles.

- **General Feedback**

- Comments on the guiding principles were generally positive. Members provided specific suggestions for improvement rather than requests for an overhaul.
- Equity is not included as a specific principle. If not included here, it should be addressed in other metrics we use to gauge the performance of the futures, strategies, and projects.
- The comments received reflect the present state of the region, including the thriving economy. We should consider future conditions that may not be top of mind today. Some members suggested that a prosperous economy should be a priority too.

- **Affordable**

- Should be modified to recognize the difference between having access versus *sufficient access*. Change the language to read “... have access to *sufficient* housing options...”
- Need to be clear what we mean by “affordable.” For example, clarify whether we mean “affordable housing” or housing that is affordable at all income levels.

- **Connected**

- Needs to be more comprehensive, and not focused on just transit.
 - Connected encompasses telecommuting, which should be an aspect of how we think about “trips” in the future.
 - Could include the term “efficiency” to encompass the importance of the road network.
 - Should include multi-modal, emerging mobility – otherwise there are many first and last mile modes that are missed.
 - As transportation experts we know that we have limited resources to expand transit coverage – other modes could be key to achieve this goal.

- **Healthy**

- Healthy is broader than any of the other principles. It could apply to active transportation, public health, as well as greenhouse gas emissions or climate adaptation. It feels like a different scale than the other principles.
 - The climate impacts could be re-written as “*changes to climate*” which describes a longer, ongoing process. The word “adaptation” could be included.
 - The public health benefits of active transportation should be incorporated into the language to reflect a broader principle.

- **Diverse**

- Consider addressing displacement in the principle. Change the language to read “...and ages can *remain in places with access*...”
- Consider rephrasing in more aspirational terms to be consistent with other principles.