Updating the Regional Growth Strategy

A PROPOSED RESPONSE IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

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Metro 2050 Engagement Plan

PROJECT TIMELINE

2019

- Phase 1: Policy Reviews & New Ideas
  - Board Direction (April)
  - Policy Review Reports
  - Council Presentations
  - Engagement Plan Q3 (July)

2020

- Phase 2: Drafting Metro 2050
  - Draft Metro 2050 referral for comment

2021

- Phase 3: Approvals
  - Metro 2050 referral for acceptance
  - Council Presentations

2022

- Board Adoption July 2022
Impacts could include:

- economic growth
- population growth (immigration policy)
- dwelling unit growth and demand for commercial space
- mode share (short-term, longer?)
- growth in telework
• Focus on immediate and urgent matters
• Lower engagement capacity
• Inability to meet in person – impacts on policy engagement activities (workshops, subcommittee meetings, forums, etc.)
• Similar situation with First Nations and Regional Stakeholders
1. Continue Policy Reviews, but postpone active Engagement (be ready when audiences are ready)
2. Develop and apply a Resiliency Lens (leverage 2019 Long Range Growth and Transportation scenarios)
3. Further Integrate with *Transport 2050* and *Climate 2050*
4. Redeploy resources to support pandemic response
Regional Planning can support the region with response and recovery work as needed. For example:

1. Data and Research on housing, transportation, jobs and land use
2. Convening members and other organizations to support information sharing
3. Monitoring, Maps
• Delay adoption of *Metro 2050* past July 2022
• Council and Board turnover leading to protracted process and additional engagement costs
• Opportunity to improve alignment with T2050
• Opportunity to add more robust resiliency lens
• If policy reviews (with recommendations) are not complete by year end, and
• If draft *Metro 2050* not released for comment by end of Q2 2021, then
• Likely will not achieve milestone of adoption of Metro 2050 during 2022.
• Staff will check in monthly with stakeholders re: readiness to engage and will report back to Regional Planning Committee and Board.
Questions?
Metro 2040 Amendment Request

9568 Burns Drive, Delta

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Metro 2040, Policy 2.3.4:

Work with the Agricultural Land Commission to protect the region’s agricultural land base and **not amend the Agricultural or Rural land use designation of a site if it is still part of the Agricultural Land Reserve**, except to change it to an Agricultural land use designation.
Agricultural Land Commission Act, “Exceptions” 23(1):

Restrictions on the use of agricultural land do not apply to land that, on December 21, 1972, was, by separate certificate of title issued under the Land Registry Act, R.S.B.C. 1960, c. 208, less than 2 acres [0.8 ha] in area.
• Cannot process the proposed amendment as the site is in the ALR; Applicant / Municipality cannot have the site ‘excluded’ from the ALR as the ALC Act and Regulations do not apply

• Similar application in 2016 from City of Delta; Board resolution in that case was that an amendment (or amended RCS) was not required

• Will address policy challenge in update to *Metro 2040*
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Size
0.6 hectares
(1.5 acres)

Location
Inside ALR

Proposed Designation Change
Agricultural to Rural

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Existing Use/Zoning
Vacant; zoned for garden shop

Proposed Use
Self-storage facility and restaurant
• Site completely isolated from other agricultural land and surrounded by roads
• No precedent or pressure created
• Some concern with self-storage proposal as trip generator and growing commercial node in this location.
Social Equity: The promotion of justice and fairness and the removal of systemic barriers that may cause or aggravate disparities experienced by different groups of people. This can include the many dimensions of identity, such as socioeconomic status, ethnicity, sex, age, disability, gender, sexuality, religion, indigeneity, class, and other equity related issues.

Definition to be refined through the course of Study
• How is equity considered in regional growth management planning?
• Peer Jurisdiction Review
• Gap analysis of Metro 2040
• Recommendations
1. Measure and quantify disparity
2. Identify and engage equity seeking groups
3. Develop recommendations for Metro 2050, including a “social equity lens”
Consider the concept of social equity as it relates to regional growth management and develop an approach to apply an equity lens to *Metro 2050*.

**Three Tasks**

1. Equity Baseline Data Report
2. Stakeholder Engagement
3. Approach for Applying an Equity Lens to *Metro 2050*
Final Report:
• Metro Vancouver Equity Data Baseline
• “What we Heard” Report on Stakeholder Engagement
• Discussion of the results and implications for the future of the region
• Recommended approach for applying a social equity lens to *Metro 2050*
• Consultant(s) begins in May 2020
• Draft report September 2020
• Reporting through committees October and November 2020
• Equity and resiliency are connected
• Work supports other environmental and economic objectives
• Provide a model that others can learn from
• Supported by and complementary to similar initiatives by other agencies / organizations

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