

CONNECT Vision: Connecting Vision to Plan

OBJECTIVE: Translate the adopted CONNECT Regional Vision (a values-based document) into an implementable planning document with performance metrics in a way that engages the full diversity of the region's population.

➤ Create sustainable economies

- ❑ *That support families and communities in ways that also sustain quality of life and the environment.*

➤ Build on the adopted CONNECT Vision

- ❑ *Sustainable, Well-Managed Growth for quality of life, preserving the environment and maintaining the efficiency of infrastructure investment*
- ❑ *A Safe and Healthy Environment with good air and water quality*
- ❑ *A Strong, Diverse Economy that provides jobs throughout the region*

➤ Produce a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

- ❑ *Ensuring that EVERYONE benefits as the region grows in a collaborative and inclusive manner*
- ❑ *Building public capacity of our local governments, institutions and the public for addressing ongoing sustainability issues*
- ❑ *Growing sustainably as our population increases*
- ❑ *Increasing the number of desired jobs to revitalize existing communities*
- ❑ *Creating multiple "wins" as we address quality of life and environmental sustainability issues*



➤ **The CONNECT Vision reflects our shared values and aspirations**

➤ **It does not yet provide a consensus "framework" for handling growth and meeting these issues ...**

A LOOK AT OUR REGION

- **Population GROWTH:**
1.5 to 2 million people by 2035
- **Population CHANGE:**
"Graying"
New cultures and housing preferences
- **Greater FISCAL CONSTRAINTS:**
Limitations on infrastructure funding and operating revenues
- **Job LOSSES and job GROWTH:**
Where are the jobs versus where are the people? Matching up facilities, skills, and business plans?
- **ENVIRONMENTAL concerns:**
Loss of open space
Too many impaired streams
Air quality challenges

Our region has a VISION, but no regional PLAN to realize it!

It's time to embark on a collaborative and inclusive process called

"Blueprinting"

Blueprinting means ...

- **SELECTING** indicators that reflect the goals people want to achieve
- **CREATING** several alternative patterns for growth and development
- **ANALYZING** the patterns using the indicators
- **DEVELOPING CONSENSUS** around the pattern that produces the best results on indicators, with extensive citizen input

The regional BLUEPRINT can be used by the region, by towns, by neighborhoods

Project Timeline

2012

- Public Engagement: what quantitative measurements (indicators) are most important?
- Identify & collect necessary data, line up sub-contractors & modeling software

2013-2014

- Model “Current Trends” Scenario
- Public Engagement: Design Alternative Future Scenarios
- Model Alternative Future Scenarios & Measure Predicted Impacts
- Public Engagement: Evaluate Scenarios & Select “Preferred” Scenario