Building Livable Cities,
Communities, and Regions
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164 Communities
101 Communities in MAPC region
Plus 63 communities in larger transportation planning region
4.3 million people
2.3 million jobs
Diverse communities and people
MetroFuture plan to 2030
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3. Work with others to create alternative futures
4. Evaluate the alternatives and select a preferred future
5. Develop a strategy for implementation
We asked thousands of people:

**What’s Your Vision for the Future of the Boston Region?**

- “Towns have enough **clean water** and use it wisely.”
- “Communities have a **diversity of housing** for diverse lifestyles.”
- “Industrial sites and old shopping malls are redeveloped into **new town centers**”
- “We have a **great public transit** system and people actually use it.”
- “There is a good **balance of job opportunities**.”
- “Population diversity is considered an asset.”
- “Special open spaces are protected from development.”
- “The regional economy is driven by **innovation and small businesses**.”
- “Less dependence on the property tax.”
- “Public school systems provide a **top-notch education** for every child.”
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What would MetroFuture mean for the region?

**Prosperity**: We will build a strong workforce and help our businesses to thrive.

**Equity**: All the region’s residents will share in increasing opportunity, health, and prosperity.

**Sustainability**: We will use our resources with an eye to passing them on to future generations.

**Community**: All people will live in vibrant and diverse communities, participating in making the decisions that shape their lives.
Making our goals... a reality

The MetroFuture plan includes 65 specific GOALS in 6 general categories:

- **Sustainable Growth Patterns**: Population and job growth will be focused in developed areas already well-served by infrastructure.
- **Housing Choices**: A diverse array of housing choices will meet the needs of the region’s residents.
- **Healthy Communities**: Residents will be safe, healthy, well-educated, and engaged in their community.
- **Regional Prosperity**: A globally-competitive regional economy will provide opportunity for all the region’s workers.
- **Transportation Choices**: An efficient transportation system will offer more choices and make it easier to get around.
- **Healthy Environment**: Natural resources will be protected thanks to a strong “environmental ethic.”

Implement Coordinated Plans

Invest in a Skilled Workforce

Democratize Information

Build Regional Collaboration

Protect Natural Landscapes

Focus Economic Growth

Support Healthy Families

Coordinate Transportation Alternatives

Expand Access to Housing

Strengthen Municipal Finance

Conserve Natural Resources

Improve City Life and School Quality

Enable Compact Growth
What will MAPC do?

- Build models
- Provide technical assistance
- Help municipalities find efficiencies
- Coordinate implementation
- Measure and improve
From Plan to Action!

Transportation Finance Reform

Local Smart Growth Planning

Green Energy and Job Creation
Thank you!

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