

RGMP Regional Issues

The 2040 Regional Growth Management Plan Steering Committee has ranked each of the following issues. The top six will be the focus of the 2040 RGMP update.



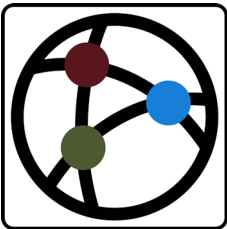
#1 - Comprehensive Transportation

Transportation, land use and economic development plans need to be integrated to generate a system that promotes economic competitiveness and creates safe, healthy and accessible communities for everyone. The transportation network should serve all users equally and be designed and operated with all users and land uses in mind.



#2 - Aging Infrastructure

Long-term maintenance of supporting infrastructure (water, sewer, transportation) is not fully accounted for during initial stages of development. Over time deteriorating conditions adversely impact operations and budgets.



#3 - Future Infrastructure Needs

Current support systems will need to accommodate evolving technologies, as well as new sources and distribution of energy. Planning for these new technologies will require physical and policy driven approaches.



#4 - Natural Resource Protection

Natural resources is the largest land use in the region. Inefficient land use patterns jeopardize the region's rich abundance of natural resources. When opportunities for infill, redevelopment and contiguous development are discouraged, development pressure impinges on the natural areas and resources.



#5 - Inefficient Land Use Patterns

Areas of growth that are not contiguous to others make it difficult to provide services and access daily needs. This also increases the cost of development, service provision and maintenance of supporting physical infrastructure.



#6 - Unrealized Potential for Reuse

Municipal regulations and market forces encourage development of "cheaper" (in the short term) land in less densely developed/populated areas, which discourages the (re)use of land within areas of existing services and infrastructure. Once-viable structures and neighborhoods struggle to maintain their vitality.

How did other issues rank?

- #7 Connectivity & Linkages
- #8 Improving Education
- #9 Access to Jobs and Services
- #10 Range and Mix of Housing
- #11 Aging Population
- #12 Farmland Preservation
- #13 Impacts of Flooding
- #14 Community Well-Being
- #15 Access to Food
- #16 Regional Poverty

