



Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government  
September 25, 2012

## About the Metropolitan Council

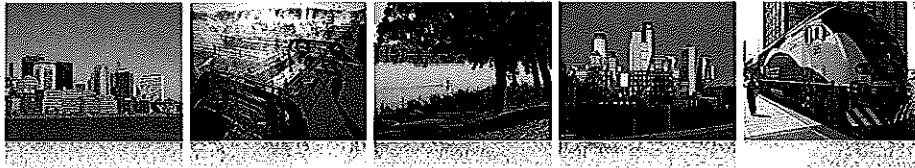
Council created by Legislature in 1967 to address:

- ▣ Rapid, unplanned growth
- ▣ Threatened open spaces
- ▣ Water pollution
- ▣ Deteriorating bus system



## Mission of the Metropolitan Council

To foster a **prosperous, livable**  
metropolitan region



## What is *Thrive MSP 2040*?

“The Metropolitan Council shall prepare and adopt, after appropriate study and such public hearings as may be necessary, a **comprehensive development guide** for the metropolitan area. It shall consist of a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs, and maps prescribing guides for the orderly and economical development, public and private, of the metropolitan area.” (M.S. 473.145)



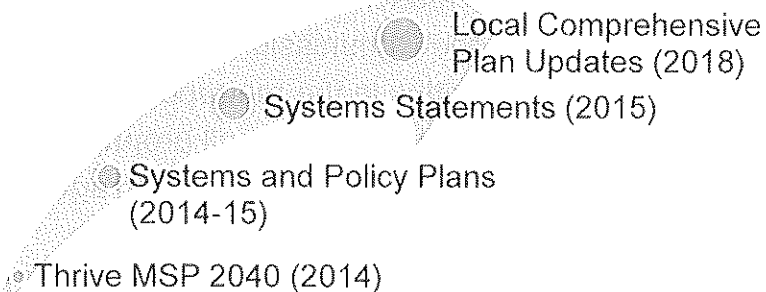


## What is *Thrive MSP 2040*?

- The long-range plan that creates a **vision** for the seven-county region for the next 30 years
- The update to the 2030 Regional Development Framework that provides the **policy direction** for the next round of the Council's systems and policy plans



## Regional Planning Cycle



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“The council shall adopt a long-range comprehensive policy plan for **transportation and wastewater treatment**. The plans must substantially conform to all policy statements, purposes, goals, standards, and maps in the development guide developed and adopted by the council under this chapter.” (M.S. 473.146)



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“The Metropolitan Council after consultation with the Parks and Open Space Commission, municipalities, park districts and counties in the metropolitan area, and after appropriate public hearings, shall prepare and adopt a long-range system **policy plan for regional recreation open space** as part of the council's Metropolitan Development Guide.” (M.S. 473.147)



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## What is *Thrive MSP 2040*?

The goal of *Thrive MSP 2040* is to help our region **maximize opportunities for growth and prosperity** for the coming decades.



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## The Twin Cities in 2040:

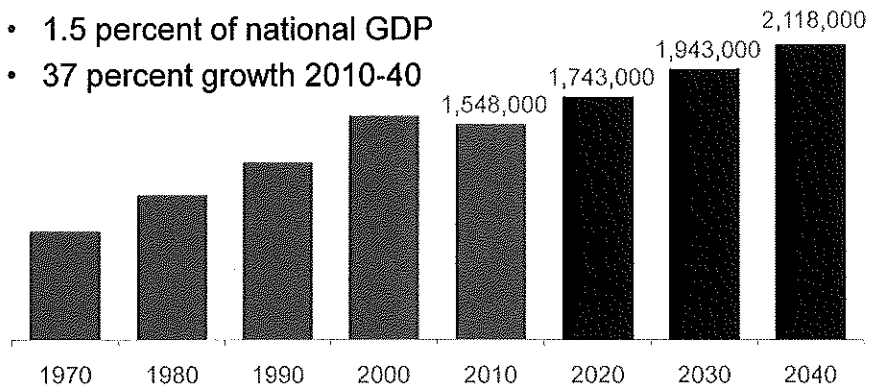
- A great place for our **diverse and growing population**
- A region that attracts and retains **talent, jobs and economic prosperity**



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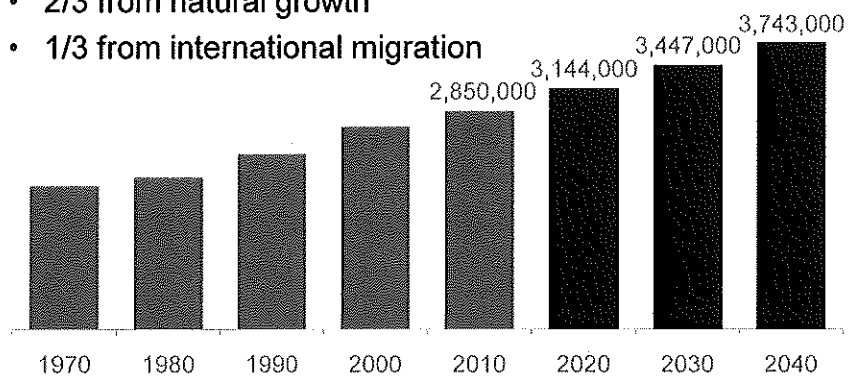
## Economic competitiveness drives the forecast outcomes

- 1.5 percent of national GDP
- 37 percent growth 2010-40

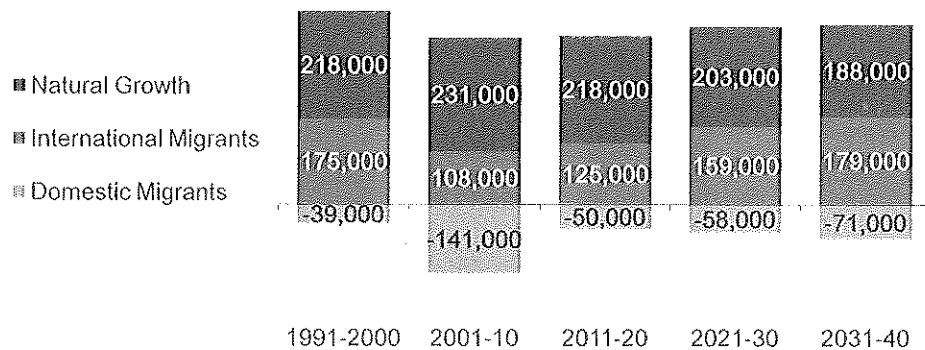


## Population forecasted to grow 31%

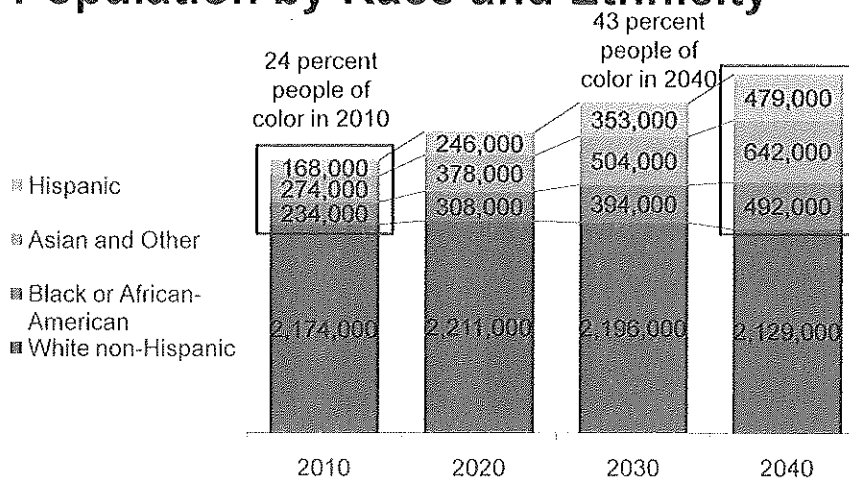
- 2/3 from natural growth
- 1/3 from international migration

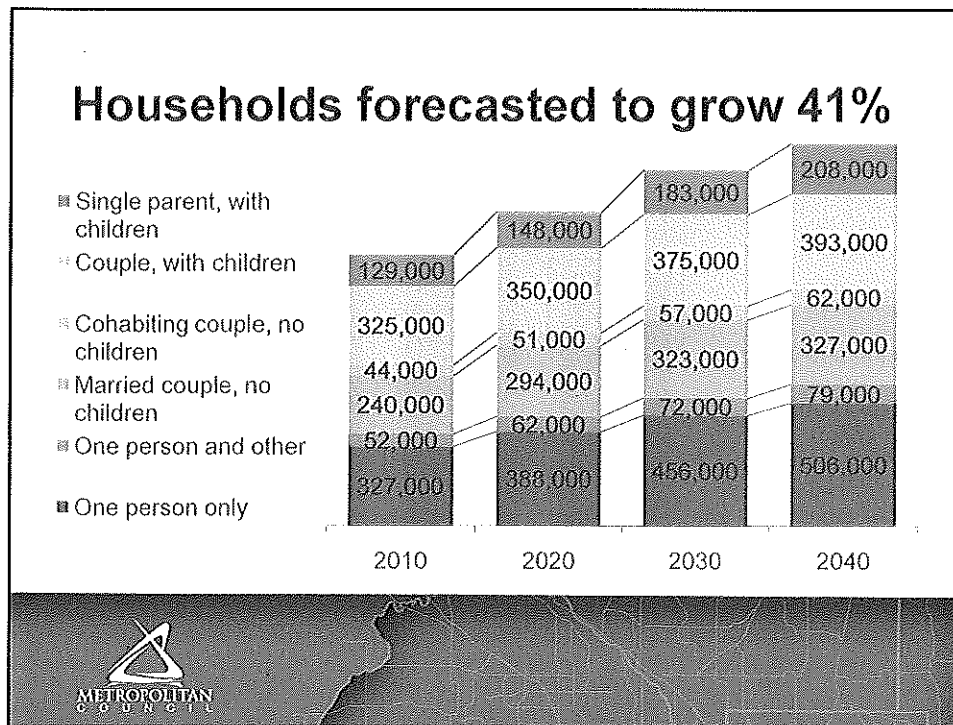
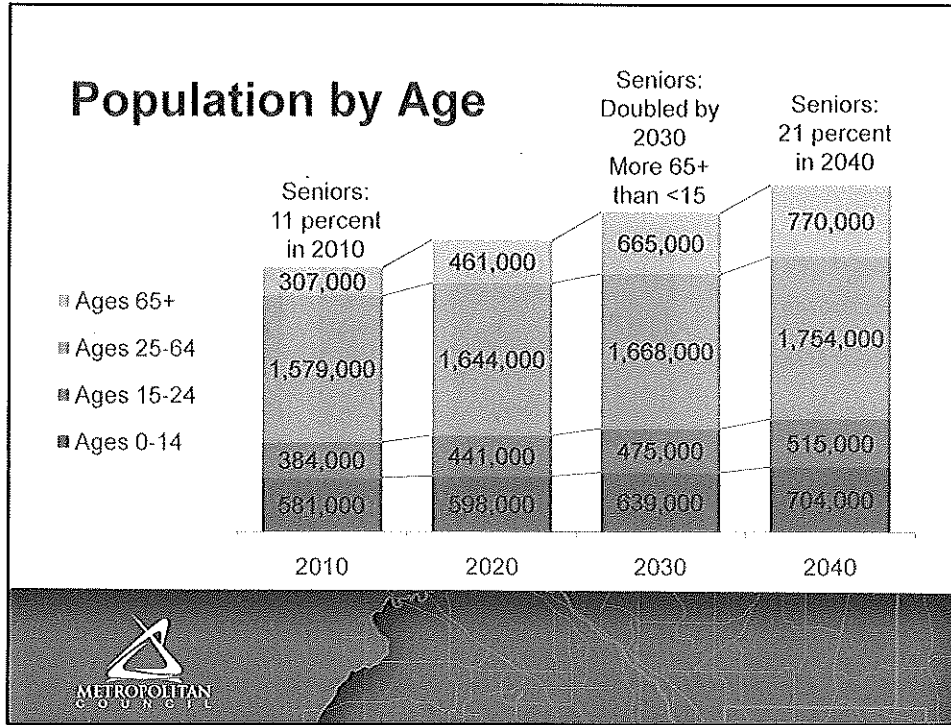


### Significant International Immigration, but also Net Loss of Domestic Movers



### Population by Race and Ethnicity









## Opportunities for collaboration

Thrive MSP 2040 is the opportunity to define and achieve goals too big for any one community to take on, but possible to accomplish as a region.



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## One Vision – One Metropolitan Region

The region's prosperity is important to everyone – local officials, residents, business owners, community leaders.



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We are grounding the development of *Thrive MSP 2040* in engagement with our partners and stakeholders.



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## Outreach and Engagement

- Listening Sessions hosted by Councilmembers
- Listening Sessions with the Council's advisory committees and organized stakeholder groups
- On-line engagement at [thrivemsp.org](http://thrivemsp.org)
- Grass-roots Community Engagement



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## What does our region need to thrive?



- What issues and challenges face our region over the next 30 years?
- What policies in previous regional plans should we keep or adjust? What should we discontinue? What should we add?
- How should the Council balance competing interests or goals?
- What advice do you have in developing this vision?



## High-level timeline for *Thrive MSP 2040*

- Summer / Fall 2012: Outreach
- Fall 2012: **Principles, Goals, Policy Scenarios**
- Winter 2013: Outreach
- June 2013: **Preferred Policy Scenario**
- Summer 2012: Outreach
- Fall 2013: **Final Draft / Public Meetings**
- February 2014: Adoption



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