Resilient Region

Commission focus

Transportation
- Safe Routes for Schools planning
- Environmental education
- Transit, 50 new stations, 13 new rail line
- MPO4PACs

Economic Development
- Housing & Community Development
- Real Estate Development
- Workforce Development
- Grants & Workforce Development

Community Development
- Access to Homeownership initiatives
- Affordable Housing programs
- Local Development
- Workforce Development initiatives
- Economic Development initiatives

Energy
- Renewable energy assessment
- Neighborhood energy initiatives
- GreenBuild

HUD - R5DC Sustainable Communities Regional Planning

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We did what all good Minnesotans do to celebrate……

We ate cake!

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Also Used with Local Units of Government

For more information
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1. Shared vision and alignment of multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline/agency priorities.
2. Inclusion of the region’s demographic profile.
3. Improve our economic and environmental vitality – the balanced approach.
4. Drive increased efficiency and delivery of services through regional scale. Builds on existing regional efforts in a new way.
How does the R5DC Sustainable Communities Planning effort tie to Economic Development?

1. Less silo work. Each discipline becomes the responsibility of several agencies/funding mechanism. New partners!
2. Access to funding that did not previously prioritize economic development.
3. Innovation spurs from several wells that all lead to the same pool.

What else?......Why do this?

1. This is how we must adapt to the “new norm”.....new way of doing business.
2. New opportunities, new relationships,
   - new BMP’s (use of political, social, fiscal capital)
   - shared data
   - Funding of regionally significant projects
3. Regionalism can “step up” to a new level of importance. Driven by community need and will.....not by mandates.

How does the R5DC Sustainable Communities Planning effort tie to the CEDS?

1. The Sustainable Communities Plan is OUR CEDS.
   a. Avoids duplication of efforts
   b. Inclusionary of people not typically part of the CEDs process.
   c. Adds a policy piece.
   d. Elevates the regional value of our CEDs.
2. Creates the opportunity for the CEDS to be recognized by several State and Federal agencies as a valid process worthy of implementation funding. What IF...........

QUESTIONS

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