creating a Resilient Region
Primary Principles are the HUD DOT EPA’s Six Livable Principles:

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote affordable, affordable housing.
- Enhance economic competitiveness.
- Support existing communities.
- Coordinate policies and leverage investments.
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

Our Region’s Guiding Principles include:

- Think regionally and inclusively.
- Consolidate all effective data.
- Capitalize on assets, current plans and work in progress.
- Balance new development/development preservation opportunities through effective land-use planning.
- Consider regionalization of services (BMPs or our region, drive opportunities).
- Connect:
  - More people to well-paid jobs
  - Active living opportunities to the region
  - Broadband technology to entire region.

Identified Resources Within and Outside the 5-County Region

Began to Study the Inter-relationship of Housing, Transportation, Economic Development & Land Use and How They Influence Regional Sustainability & Vitality

Began to Create a Collaborative Vision for the Future

Created an Organizational Structure to Support the Work (A1 & A2)
Where are we in this process?

We hosted a 200 persons kick-off are now in the divergent phase where 140 people in 4 different workgroups are gathering data, synthesizing plans, making observations, and recommendations that will include policy and funding suggestions.

On a concurrent path and as feeder info to the planning work we have 26 activities that involve:

- Local Foods destitution, broadband, GreenStep Cities, alignment of foreclosure work, transit/complete streets/trail development, energy efficiencies and renewable energy cluster development, LiD and conservation design development, workforce and entrepreneur development to name a few......

HUD – R5DC Sustainable Communities Kick-off event February 2011

Identify Issues, Needs, Assets, Resources, Successful Strategies and Driving Forces

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Emerging transportation themes......

- Promote Complete Streets, Walkable communities and Safe Routes for Schools
- Affordable housing should be near multi-source of transportation options
- Share the road striping and low hanging transportation options
- Reduce VMT by encourage LUG’s to expand affordable housing within a 30min commute to employment centers.
- Economic development ties include development of a local foods distribution system and transit between our educational institutions.
- Promotion of ride-share and effective use of transit systems.

Why do this?

1. This is how we must adapt to the “new norm”....new way of doing business, as we need to address the current demand/needs.

2. New opportunities, new relationships.
   - new BMP’s (use of political, social, fiscal capital)
   - shared data – MNCompass, MHFA webportal, preservation/enhancement for additional information...ask different questions.
   - Funding of regionally significant projects with private/public partnerships
     - CLC transit

5. Leverage existing plans: MN GO,
   - Transit coordination plan.

Questions for you......

1. What options do you consider viable to reduce RURAL VMT’s?
2. What policies and funding mechanisms do we need to make this happen?
3. How can we include MnDOT?