Before we start....
Please read the 4 scenarios and complete the worksheet

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Consortium Meeting Round 1
December 15, 2011

Our Resilient Region
Cass
Crow Wing
Morrison
Todd
Wadena

Today’s Goals
- Welcome the Consortium back
- Tell you what we have been doing
- Introduce the 4 scenarios
- Choose elements of a Vision for the region

Core Purpose
- Make choices for economic and environmental vitality for the region
- Make choices about a vision you want to plan for
- Make choices about a vision you want to invest in

What is the Resilient Region Project?
- 25 year implementation plan
- Extensive inclusionary process
  - Consortium – 200+
  - Workgroups
  - Basecamp/InCommons
- Policy and funding recommendations
- Immediate implementation through 26 activities
MISSION
To create a Community driven, University assisted partnership around planning sustainable regions integrating:
- Housing
- Transportation
- Natural environment and land use
- Economic development (including energy and local foods)

Through HIGHLY involved civic engagement building an inclusive region to provide opportunities, be free from discrimination, and improve the quality of life of ALL residents.

HUD/DOT/EPA Livability Principles
- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Support existing communities
- Coordinate policies and leverage investments
- Value communities and neighborhoods

Our Region’s Guiding Principles
- Think regionally and inclusively
- Consolidate effective data
- Capitalize on assets, current plans, works in progress
- Balance redevelopment/development/preservation opportunities through effective land-use planning
- Consider regionalization of services
- Connect: More people to well-paid jobs
  Active living opportunities to the region
  Broadband technology to entire region

How We Define Sustainability

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**Work of the Workgroups**
- Identified key issues
- Visioning Scenarios
- Brainstormed draft recommendations

**Key Issues**
- H1 Affordable Housing
- H2 Rehabilitation
- H3 Employment
- H4 Infrastructure
- H5 Building Standards
- T1 Public Transit
- T2 Highways
- T3 Alternatives to Transportation
- T4 Walking and Biking
- ED 1 Work Force
- ED 2 Technological Advances
- ED 3 Infrastructure
- ED 4 Natural and Social Environments
- ED 5 Financing

**Creating the Scenarios**

**Why Use Scenarios?**
- To imagine a range of futures
- To choose our preferred future
- To aim our policies & strategies

**Development of Scenarios**
Developed from Workgroup visions with elements tied to the Key Issues
- Current trends
- Abundance
- Bootstrap
- Doomsday

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Our Work Today
- To understand the differences between the 4 scenarios
- To choose elements from the scenarios to create a single vision for the region

A Note on Trends
- Current trends are based on real data
- Other scenarios use current trends as a base and then diverge from them based on the language in the narratives

Process for Choosing Elements of our Vision
- Present data on 1 element
- Present 4 scenarios for that element
- Ask you to discuss the element briefly at your table
- Use keypads to choose which future you want for that element

Process for Choosing Elements of our Vision
- You do NOT have to choose all the elements from the same scenario
- You can choose one element from Abundance, one from Current Trends, one from Doomsday...

Testing the Keypads
- Does everyone have a keypad?
- Questions will ask you to respond with A-E responses
- You can change your mind, but the software will only record your last vote

What County are you from?
- A. Cass
- B. Crow Wing
- C. Morrison
- D. Todd
- E. Wadena
- F. Other

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**Current Regional Snapshot**

- Total population – 170,050
- Over 65 rises from 22% to 29% of total population by 2035
- Median household income - $41,092 (MN $55,621)
- 14.5% living in poverty (MN 10.9%)
- Average household size – 2.4 persons
- 100,021 housing units in the region
- Over half owner-occupied/significant number vacant

**Voting on Vision Elements**

- Round 1: Broadband coverage
- Round 2: Housing affordability
- Round 3: Health care
- Round 4: Economic sector changes
- Round 5: Water quality
- Round 6: Growth patterns
- Round 7: Transportation

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**Broadband Coverage 2011**

Currently 40% of the households in the region are served by broadband service for internet connection

**Broadband Coverage**

- Abundance – Public and private investment in service
- Bootstrap – Investment increase to support local business connections to regional/foreign markets
- Current trends – Current, largely private investment continues
- Doomsday – Little publically maintained infrastructure

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Voting on Vision Elements

Round 1
Discuss broadband at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

Voting on Vision Elements

Round 1
Vote on which scenario for broadband should be our regional vision

For broadband infrastructure, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?
A. Abundance
B. Bootstrap
C. Current Trends
D. Doomsday
E. None of the above

Voting on Vision Elements

Round 2
Housing affordability

Affordable Housing
Percentage of lower income households spending 30% or more of their income on housing

2010
45%

Source: MNFA

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Affordable Housing
- Abundance – incomes rise for many
- Bootstrap – incomes increase because local jobs pay better
- Current trends – projected to stay the same
- Doomsday – incomes plunge

Voting on Vision Elements Round 2
Discuss housing affordability at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

Voting on Vision Elements Round 2
Vote on which scenario for housing affordability should be our regional vision

For housing affordability, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?
A. Abundance
B. Bootstrap
C. Current Trends
D. Doomsday
E. None of the above

Voting on Vision Elements Round 3
Health care

Health Care
Number of primary care physicians and nurse practitioners per 1000 people
- Central MN – 1.6
- Minnesota – 1.4
- Metro region – 1.6

Source: MDH

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Voting on Vision Elements
Round 3
Discuss health care at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

Health care - 2035
- Abundance – 1.9/1000 – increased because of increase in elderly and more money to spend
- Bootstrap – slightly better than current trends because we invest in our local health care
- Current trends – 1.6 physicians & NP per 1000 people
- Doomsday – fewer physicians; people travel farther for health care

Number of primary care physicians & nurse practitioners per 1000 people in 2035
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For health care, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?
A. Abundance
B. Bootstrap
C. Current Trends
D. Doomsday
E. None of the above

Voting on Vision Elements
Round 3
Vote on which scenario for health care should be our regional vision

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Round 4
Economic sector changes

ABUNDANCE EMPLOYMENT TRENDS
INCREASING
FLAT
DECLINING

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Voting on Vision Elements
Round 4
Discuss economic sector changes at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

Voting on Vision Elements
Round 4
Vote on which scenario for economic sector changes should be our regional vision

For economic sector changes, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?
A. Abundance
B. Bootstrap
C. Current Trends
D. Doomsday
E. None of the above

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Round 5

Water quality –
Lake Clarity

Lake Clarity - 2035
- Clarity improves significantly because we invest in our lakes
- 736 lakes improve (60% of 1263 lakes)
- A few lakes continue to decline because of development

Lake Clarity - 2035
- Clarity decreasing for lakes surrounded by development
- 665 lakes decline (52% of 1263 lakes)

Lake Clarity - 2035
- Clarity improves on many lakes because population decreases
- 895 lakes improve
- 368 lakes decline
- Clarity declines on some lakes because of failing sewer and septic infrastructure

Source: Remote Sensing Lab, U of M Dept. of Forest Resources
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Voting on Vision Elements
Round 5
Discuss water quality/lake clarity at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

Voting on Vision Elements
Round 5
Vote on which scenario for water quality/lake clarity should be our regional vision

For water quality/lake clarity, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?
A. Abundance
B. Bootstrap
C. Current Trends
D. Doomsday
E. None of the above

Voting on Vision Elements
Round 6
Growth patterns

Abundance 2035

Growth Patterns 2035
Abundance
- 36,000 new homes
- Pop. increase – 47%
- Household size – 2.2
- People stay and others move in
- Lots of housing options
  - We love our lakes
  - Big and small towns grow

Bootstrap 2035

Growth Patterns 2035
Bootstrap
- 4,000 new homes
- Pop. increase – 6%
- Household size – 2.6
- We live near jobs
  - Big towns grow
  - Especially towns on major roads
  - Small towns lose population
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**Current Trends 2035**
- 12,000 new homes
- Pop. increase – 18%
- Household size - 2.4
- People retire here
  - Moderate lake shore development
- Affordable housing
  - Young people return
  - Big towns grow some
  - Small towns stay the same

**Doomsday 2035**
- 3,000 homes abandoned
- Pop. decrease – 6%
- Household size – 3.2
- Movement to rural areas
- Towns of all sized decline

**Voting on Vision Elements Round 6**
Discuss growth patterns at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

**Voting on Vision Elements Round 6**
Vote on which scenario for growth patterns should be our regional vision

**For growth patterns, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?**

- A. Abundance
- B. Bootstrap
- C. Current Trends
- D. Doomsday
- E. None of the above

**Transportation**

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Transportation 2035

Abundance
- Some system improvements
- Complete streets - streets for everyone - designed for all users, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders
- Transit improves

Transportation 2035

Bootstrap
- Emphasis on moving products to markets
- Railroad and main roads improved
- Some local roads not maintained
- Transit improves

Transportation 2035

Current trends
- Region well served by roads
- Emphasis on maintenance
- Some roads go to low maintenance
- Transit the same-dial-a-ride

Transportation 2035

Doomsday
- Roads abandoned
- System deteriorates
- No public transit

Voting on Vision Elements Round 7

Discuss transportation at your table
Which scenario do you like? Why?
Is this an important issue to the region? Why?

Voting on Vision Elements Round 7

Vote on which scenario for transportation should be our regional vision
For transportation, which scenario do you think should be the vision for Central Minnesota?

A. Abundance  49%
B. Bootstrap  23%
C. Current Trends  22%
D. Doomsday  6%
E. None of the above  9%

Voting on Vision Elements

Results highlights

Please leave at your table......

Keypads

Worksheets – orange

Homework - white

Please complete the evaluation and leave at your table

Next Steps

- Create a vision from the elements chosen tonight and worksheets
- Connect policies, strategies, and finance plan to the vision
- Next Consortium meeting – May 8, 2012

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