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Vision Development Description, Appendix 3: development of themes and main ideas for inclusion in regional vision

The materials in Appendix 2 show identification of relevant goals by each working committee. Following this, through summer 2007, each committee then identified and prioritized the main ideas within each goal that needed to be reflected in the regional vision. The purpose of this exercise was to determine the key themes from the initial goals that would form the structure of the regional vision. The committees held these discussions at a series of meetings, with opportunities for review of the results of past meetings. The result of these discussions is contained in the attached materials. Five of the six working committees grouped the main ideas from the initial goals into major themes (the Housing committee derived their major themes from open-ended committee discussions, rather than the initial goals). These are shown in the first several sheets in the attached materials.

By August 2007, a shared list of key themes identified by each committee was prepared and discussed. A total of fourteen major themes were developed to classify the main ideas that the committee identified within the initial Common Ground and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan goals. An attached spreadsheet lists these fourteen themes, identifies the committees that came up with these themes, and provides the main ideas that each committee thought were contained within each theme. This document is essentially a summary of the individual sheets for each working committee.

After these fourteen themes were developed, staff determined that housing had been discussed by many committees but not specifically identified as a theme. This was added by staff as a major theme, bringing the theme total to fifteen.

Themes for Vision Development
DRAFT - Economic and Community Development Committee Themes - August 13, 2007

Theme name	Initial theme name developed by committee	Initial goals and key points from past discussions
Coordinated planning and government	← Balanced economy and land	Balanced economy and environment Balanced growth Coordinating land use and transportation planning Infrastructure Redevelopment Support for agriculture
Economic competitiveness	← Economic development <i>...and...</i> Capacity building	Access to arts and culture Amenities Business attraction and retention Community economic development Economic development Government services, taxation and regulation Quality of life Finance Global competitiveness Research and development Technology and telecommunications Utilities and energy
Education and workforce development	← Education, workforce development and job training	Jobs K-12 and higher education Workforce education
Quality of life	← Economic development	Access to arts and culture Amenities Business attraction and retention Community economic development Economic development Government services, taxation and regulation Quality of life

Reinvestment and infill	←	Balanced economy and land	Balanced economy and environment Balanced growth Infrastructure Redevelopment Support for agriculture
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Transportation accessibility and efficiency	←	Transportation	Freight transportation Infrastructure Interregional transportation Transportation and development
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Themes for Vision Development
DRAFT - Environment and Natural Resources Committee Themes - August 21, 2007

Theme name	Initial theme name developed by committee	Initial goals	Key points from past discussions
Coordinated planning and government	← Coordinated planning and government	Biodiversity and natural communities, Intergovernmental cooperation, Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build partnerships Cooperation creates efficiency Coordinate, share resources, communicate Flexibility Not piecemeal Public / private responsibility in environmental planning Reduces destructive competition Regular adjustment to plans
Economic competitiveness	← Environmental protection = economic development	Balanced economy and environment, Energy, Lake Michigan, Water quality, Water supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abundant, sustainable water Avoid need for new water sources / expensive infrastructure Economics of clean energy Energy affordability Environment has economic value Environment has positive effect on economic growth Environmental costs of action / inaction Environmental stewardship leads to economic development Protect water supply to support people and economy Reduce economic damage from flooding Reinvestment in communities
Environmental health	← Ecosystem health	Air quality, Biodiversity and natural communities, Environmental protection, Farmland preservation, Lake Michigan, Open space, Public transportation and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Consider ecosystem impacts Ecological function Erosion control improves water quality Improve environmental quality through planning Improve water quality Incentives for farmland preservation Interrelatedness of species and ecosystems Natural resource lands for native species Open space network shapes regional identity Preserve and provide green infrastructure Preserve genetic variation Public transportation lessens environmental impact Reduce fragmentation Relationship of environment to alternative transportation modes Soil as natural resource Waterway protection

Public health and safety	← Public health	Air quality, Energy, Environmental protection, Farmland preservation, Stormwater, Support for agriculture	Flood mitigation Food access Healthy, clean air Local farm products and agricultural landscapes as regional assets
Quality of life	← Quality of life	Infrastructure, Open space, Public transportation and environment, Redevelopment, Water quality	Choice of transportation mode Enhancing livability Recreation Reduces dependence on cars
Sustainability	← Sustainability	Air quality, Balanced economy and environment, Energy, Farmland preservation	Climate change Efficient, clean, renewable energy Externalities of local decisions on larger systems
Water supply	← Water supply	Stormwater, Water quality, Water supply	Drinking water Groundwater recharge Lake Michigan Regional open space, aquifer and watershed planning

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DRAFT - Human Services Committee Themes - August 8, 2007

Theme name	Initial theme name developed by committee	Initial goals	Key points from past discussions
Civic involvement	← Civic involvement (includes access to information)	Cultural diversity, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity, Seniors, Youth	Active involvement of residents in community safety Civic-mindedness of residents Communities respect and value diversity Consistency leads to credibility and trust Continue contributions of seniors to community Lack of respect is harmful Opportunities for participation for people of all backgrounds Public health increases civic participation Youth are implementers of plan and future constituency
Coordinated planning and government	← System interdependence	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity	Interdependence between economics, environment, and human potential Link between health care, public safety, education, social services Planning and social service systems affected by diversity
Economic competitiveness	← Economic competitiveness	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Racial and ethnic diversity, Social services, Workforce education	Address technological change Affordable and accessible social services support economic development Diverse labor skills Diverse participation in labor Educated, diverse labor force Global competitiveness increased by cultural and ethnic diversity Global competitiveness increased by environmental justice Global talent attracted by equitable systems Good health care system is talent attractor (global and national) Health leads to quality workforce Human services as "insurance" for business investments Public health has economic benefit Social services enhance productivity - impact on economics and transportation Social services have job training implications Workforce education for business attraction and economic base Workforce readiness through education for existing jobs

Equity	← Equity	Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Racial and ethnic diversity, Workforce education	<p>Address weaknesses of region including segregation</p> <p>All areas and people should benefit from investments and policies</p> <p>Diversity as an asset</p> <p>Harmful effects of inequity to at-risk populations</p> <p>Inclusive communities with resource equity</p> <p>Systematically and systemic equal results</p> <p>Workforce education leads to better economic equity</p>
Public health and safety	← Public health (includes preparation for crises)	Health care, Social services	<p>Access to health care</p> <p>Preparation for crises</p> <p>Responsibility and balance</p>
Quality of life	← Quality of life	Health care, Public safety, Seniors, Social services	<p>Aging in place</p> <p>Eyes on the street</p> <p>Health care part of quality of life</p> <p>Quality of life declines with crime and drug use</p> <p>Quality of life for seniors includes mobility</p> <p>Recognize and engage seniors' assets</p> <p>Safe communities through neighborhood involvement</p> <p>Seniors are growing population, longer lives, returning to home areas</p> <p>Social services part of quality of life</p>
Sustainability	← Sustainability	Environmental justice, Health care, Youth	<p>Active involvement of residents in health care system</p> <p>Importance of equity</p> <p>Involvement of youth in community</p>

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DRAFT - Land Use Committee Themes - August 8, 2007

Theme name	Initial goals	Key points from past discussions
Civic involvement	← Historic preservation, Livable communities, Planning, Taxation	Civic pride Education funding Engagement Inclusiveness Interconnected communities Participation Take direction for future from past
Coordinated planning and government	← Farmland preservation, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental cooperation, Planning, Transportation and development, Water supply	Communities learning from each other Comprehensive, coordinated, region-oriented Coordination offers choices in community types Eliminate redundancies Good planning Governments coordinating and sharing resources Integrate land use and transportation (such as TOD) Planned growth Population growth Problems cross boundaries Regionalism Solve future conflicts Strategic Strength in numbers and unity
Economic competitiveness	← Community economic development, Farmland preservation, Historic preservation, Infrastructure, Jobs and housing, Lake Michigan, Planning, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion, Stormwater, Transportation and development, Water supply	Community health leads to economic health Congestion limits economic development Economic diversity Encourage locally owned businesses Environmental protection leads to economic growth Future regional economic health relies on infrastructure Global marketplace Investment in existing places and infrastructure Job creation - small businesses Link jobs and housing locations Preservation of past and reinvestment Reinvestment of local income Water supply drives economic development

Energy and resource conservation	← Environmental protection, Farmland preservation, Jobs and housing, Lake Michigan, Stormwater, Transportation and development, Water quality, Water supply	Assure quality water supply Energy efficiency Ethanol production Improve region's resources Prime farmland protection Stewardship of resources Water as limited resource Water conservation
Environmental health	← Environmental protection, Historic preservation, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental cooperation, Lake Michigan, Open space, Planning, Redevelopment, Stormwater, Water quality	Air, water, land, biotic Biodiversity Ecosystem Habitat Improved water quality Interconnected open spaces Natural / cultural preservation Natural environment Natural systems preservation Planning for watersheds Protect region's renewable resources Protection of open space and resources Regional network Water quality Watershed protection
Equity	← Balanced growth, Intergovernmental cooperation, Jobs and housing, Livable communities, Taxation	Accessible and economically diverse communities Distribute economic growth throughout region Equitable distribution of jobs and housing Equity among communities Equity in taxation Ethics Fair share for each community High quality affordable housing Jobs and housing must be linked Live near work Mobility - social and physical Share resources Work near home

Public health and safety	←	Expanded public transportation, Farmland preservation, Jobs and housing, Lake Michigan, Livable communities, Open space, Public transportation and environment, Recreation, Reduce congestion, Stormwater, Water quality, Water supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to open space Air quality Clean air Cleanliness of water Diverse, available recreational options Effects of commuting on health Effects of Lake Michigan Flood prevention Livability and mental health Local production of food Recreation links to public health Socialization through recreation Transportation and health linkages Water quality and supply
Quality of life	←	Balanced growth, Environmental protection, Expanded public transportation, Historic preservation, Jobs and housing, Livable communities, Open space, Planning, Public transportation and environment, Recreation, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion, Taxation, Transportation and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aesthetics and character Beautiful communities Community integrity Lifestyle and habit Preserving awareness and history Quality of built environment Recreation and open space Transportation choices
Reinvestment and infill	←	Infrastructure, Intergovernmental cooperation, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion, Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost to region Efficiency of cooperation and reinvestment Fiscal efficiency Fix it first Investment in built infrastructure Minimal displacement Ongoing and ample investment Resources for communities Taxation to support reinvestment
Sustainability	←	Environmental protection, Infrastructure, Planning, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate change Planning for anticipated growth Sustainable growth and prosperity Sustaining infrastructure

Transportation accessibility and efficiency



Expanded public transportation, Infrastructure, Jobs and housing, Public transportation and environment, Reduce congestion, Transportation and development

Access and affordability
Access to opportunity
Change in needs of population due to aging
Congestion reduction
Ease of use
Environmental benefits
Integrated transportation
Mode choice
Multi-modal system
Seamless system
Transportation choice
Transportation freedom
Transportation options - reduce commuting
Walkable communities

Water supply



Stormwater, Lake Michigan

Aquifer capacity
Preserve Lake Michigan as sustainable resource
Re-use of water

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DRAFT - Transportation Committee Themes - August 23, 2007

Theme name	Initial goals	Key points from past discussions
Coordinated planning and government	← Intergovernmental cooperation, Planning	Comprehensive Coordinated Regional-oriented Equitable
Economic competitiveness	← Existing transportation, Freight transportation, Infrastructure, Interregional planning, Reduce congestion, Transportation funding	Accessibility to national and international markets Efficient movement of freight Links to national and international economies Multi-modal system that provides choice Transportation system creates economic health
Equity	← Intergovernmental cooperation, Livable communities, Planning	Coordinate, share resources equitably Involved citizens
Public health and safety	← Air quality, Environmental protection, Transportation system safety, Transportation system security	Preparation for crises Healthy, clean air Incident management and emergency response
Quality of life	← Infrastructure, Livable communities, Reduce congestion, Transportation system security	Community character Economic development, community vitality, natural resources
Reinvestment and infill	← Existing transportation	Existing multi-modal system Investment in existing system
Transportation accessibility and efficiency	← Existing transportation, Freight transportation, Infrastructure, Interregional planning, Reduce congestion, Transportation funding, Transportation system security	Accessibility, pedestrian-friendly, public transportation Choices among various modes Incident preparedness and response Integrated public transportation Mode choice Utilize public transit

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Committee codes

ECD = Economic & Community Development

ENR = Environment & Natural Resources

H = Housing

HS = Human Services

LU = Land Use

T = Transportation

Theme name	Committee	Initial theme name developed by committee	Sample key words / main ideas
Civic involvement	HS	Civic involvement (includes access to information)	Cultural diversity, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity, Seniors, Youth
	LU	Civic involvement	Historic preservation, Livable communities, Planning, Taxation
Coordinated planning and government	ECD	Balanced economy and land	Balanced economy and environment, Balanced growth, Infrastructure, Redevelopment, Support for agriculture
	ENR	Coordinated planning and government	Biodiversity and natural communities, Intergovernmental cooperation, Planning
	H	Coordinated planning and government	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
	HS	System interdependence	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity
	LU	Coordinated planning	Farmland preservation, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental cooperation, Planning, Transportation and development, Water supply
	T	Coordinated planning and government	Intergovernmental cooperation, Planning
Economic competitiveness	ECD	Capacity building	Global competitiveness, Technology and Telecommunications, <i>financial resources, utilities, research and development</i> Accessibility of arts and culture, Business attraction and retention, Community economic development, Economic development, <i>amenities and quality of life, taxation and regulation, finance</i>
	ECD	Economic development	
	ENR	Environmental protection = economic development (includes reinvestment and infill)	Balanced economy and environment, Energy, Infrastructure, Lake Michigan, Redevelopment, Water quality, Water supply
	H	Economic competitiveness	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
	HS	Economic competitiveness	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Racial and ethnic diversity, Social services, Workforce education
	LU	Economic development	Community economic development, Farmland preservation, Historic preservation, Infrastructure, Jobs and housing, Lake Michigan, Planning, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion, Stormwater, Transportation and development, Water supply
	T	Economic prosperity	Existing transportation, Freight transportation, Infrastructure, Interregional planning, Transportation funding

Education and workforce development	ECD H	Workforce development and education Education	Jobs, Workforce education, <i>K-12 and higher education</i> <i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
Energy and resource conservation	H LU	Energy and resource conservation Energy and resource conservation	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i> Environmental protection, Farmland preservation, Jobs and housing, Lake Michigan, Stormwater, Transportation and development, Water quality, Water supply
Environmental health	ENR LU	Ecosystem health Natural environment	Air quality, Biodiversity and natural communities, Environmental protection, Farmland preservation, Lake Michigan, Open space, Public transportation and environment Environmental protection, Historic preservation, Infrastructure, Intergovernmental cooperation, Lake Michigan, Open space, Planning, Redevelopment, Stormwater, Water quality
Equity	H HS LU T	Equity Equity Equity Equity	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i> Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Racial and ethnic diversity, Workforce education Balanced growth, Intergovernmental cooperation, Jobs and housing, Livable communities, Taxation Intergovernmental cooperation, Livable communities, Planning
Future population needs	H	Future population needs	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
Public health and safety	ENR HS LU T T	Public health Public health (includes preparation for crises) Public health Incident preparedness and response Public health and safety	Air quality, Energy, Environmental protection, Farmland preservation, Health care, Stormwater, Support for agriculture Health care, Social services Expanded public transportation, Farmland preservation, Jobs and housing, Lake Michigan, Livable communities, Open space, Public transportation and environment, Recreation, Reduce congestion, Stormwater, Water quality, Water supply Reduce congestion, Transportation system security Air quality, Environmental protection, Infrastructure, Transportation system safety, Transportation system security

Quality of life	ECD	Economic development	Accessibility of arts and culture, Business attraction and retention, Community economic development, Economic development
	ENR	Quality of life	Infrastructure, Open space, Public transportation and environment, Redevelopment, Water quality
	H	Quality of life	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
	HS	Quality of life	Health care, Public safety, Seniors, Social services
	LU	Quality of life	Balanced growth, Environmental protection, Expanded public transportation, Historic preservation, Jobs and housing, Livable communities, Open space, Planning, Public transportation and environment, Recreation, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion, Taxation, T
	T	Quality of life	Infrastructure, Livable communities
Reinvestment and infill	ECD	Balanced economy and land	Balanced economy and environment, Balanced growth, Infrastructure, Redevelopment, Support for agriculture
	H	Reinvestment and infill	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
	LU	Fiscal cost	Infrastructure, Intergovernmental cooperation, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion, Taxation
	T	Investment in existing system	Existing transportation
Sustainability	ENR	Sustainability (includes climate change)	Air quality, Balanced economy and environment, Energy, Farmland preservation
	H	Sustainability	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
	HS	Sustainability	Environmental justice, Health care, Youth
	LU	Sustainability	Environmental protection, Infrastructure, Planning, Redevelopment, Reduce congestion
Transportation accessibility and efficiency	ECD	Transportation	Freight transportation, Interregional transportation, Infrastructure, Transportation and development
	H	Transportation accessibility	<i>Derived from committee discussions, not initial goals.</i>
	LU	Mode choice	Expanded public transportation, Infrastructure, Jobs and housing, Public transportation and environment, Reduce congestion, Transportation and development
	T	Incident preparedness and response	Reduce congestion, Transportation system security
	T	Mode choice	Existing transportation, Expanded public transportation, Livable communities, Public transportation and environment, Transportation and development, Transportation funding
Water supply	ENR	Water supply	Stormwater, Water quality, Water supply
	LU	Water supply	Stormwater, Lake Michigan