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MEMORANDUM

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

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From: Annie Byrne, Associate Regional Planner

Re: Economic Development Recommendations: Priorities and Action Steps

At the September Economic and Community Development Committee meeting, the committee discussed the outcomes of the August subcommittee meetings, which resulted in an evaluation of the recommendations in the reports on innovation, green economic development, and export promotion/import substitution. The committee decided that at the October meeting, they will have additional discussion focused on action steps to begin implementing selected recommendations. In addition, we will discuss the role of the committee in supporting these recommendations and the priorities for the committee in the next year.

For example, hosting a regional innovation meeting could be a starting point to engage necessary stakeholders, implementers, and others identified as necessary players. A main purpose of the innovation meeting would be to further develop and refine the recommendations, specific activities, and next steps.

At the October Economic and Community Development Committee meeting, staff intends to facilitate a discussion of this and other activities that the committee could take on to support the development of *GO TO 2040*'s recommendations.