



WE WILL CHICAGO

- Citywide Plan Introduction
- Chicago Plan Commission, August 20, 2020





Agenda

- Why plan, why now, and how do we start?
- Revisit our planning history
- Initial steps for the citywide plan
- Proposed schedule and products



★ Challenges We Face Today



Resilient and Active Community



Why Plan?

To **empower ourselves** to look past immediate concerns, **evaluate options** for how best to proceed, and **move toward a better future**.

WE WILL:

- Create a document that the average resident recognizes as a **guiding vision for the city's future**.
- **Inform priorities** for government programs and projects.

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Why Now?

In order for Chicago to **remain a world-class city**, we need to create a new path. A path in which fairness and inclusion are our guiding principles. We can, and we must, do better. . . .

We must do better by insisting on a comprehensive plan to **invest in families and neighborhoods, and to end the violence that plagues too many communities.**

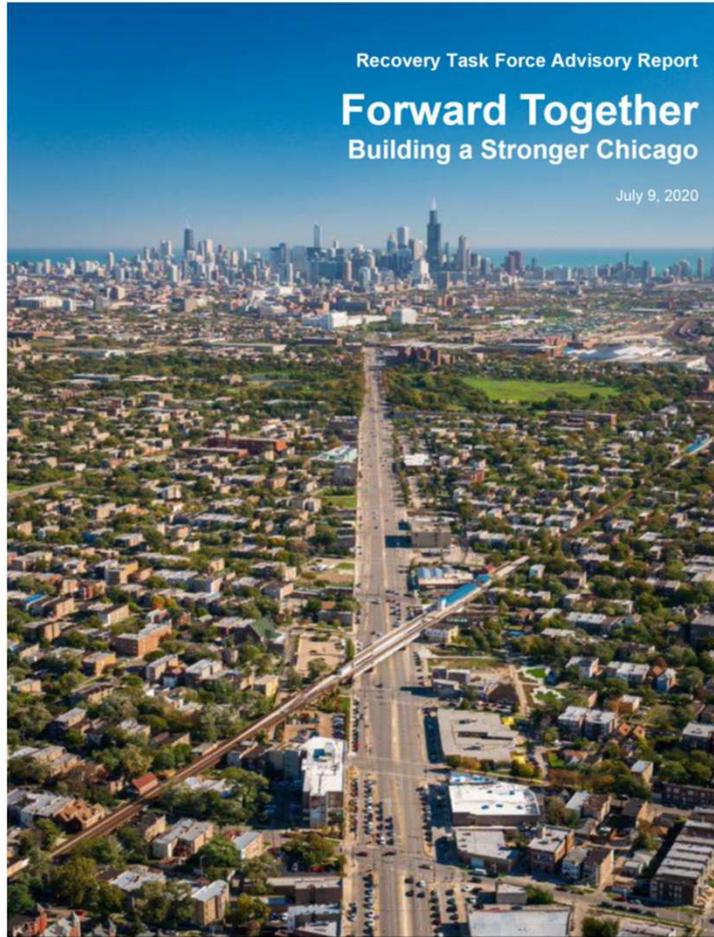
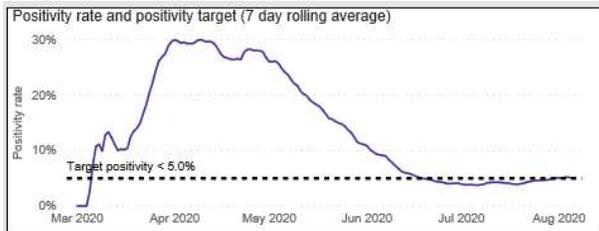
2019, Lori Lightfoot, lightfootforchicago.com

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Why Now?

COVID dashboard

CHICAGO | COVID-19 Citywide Positivity Rate



Loop looting - August 9



Rogers Park Tornado damage - August 10
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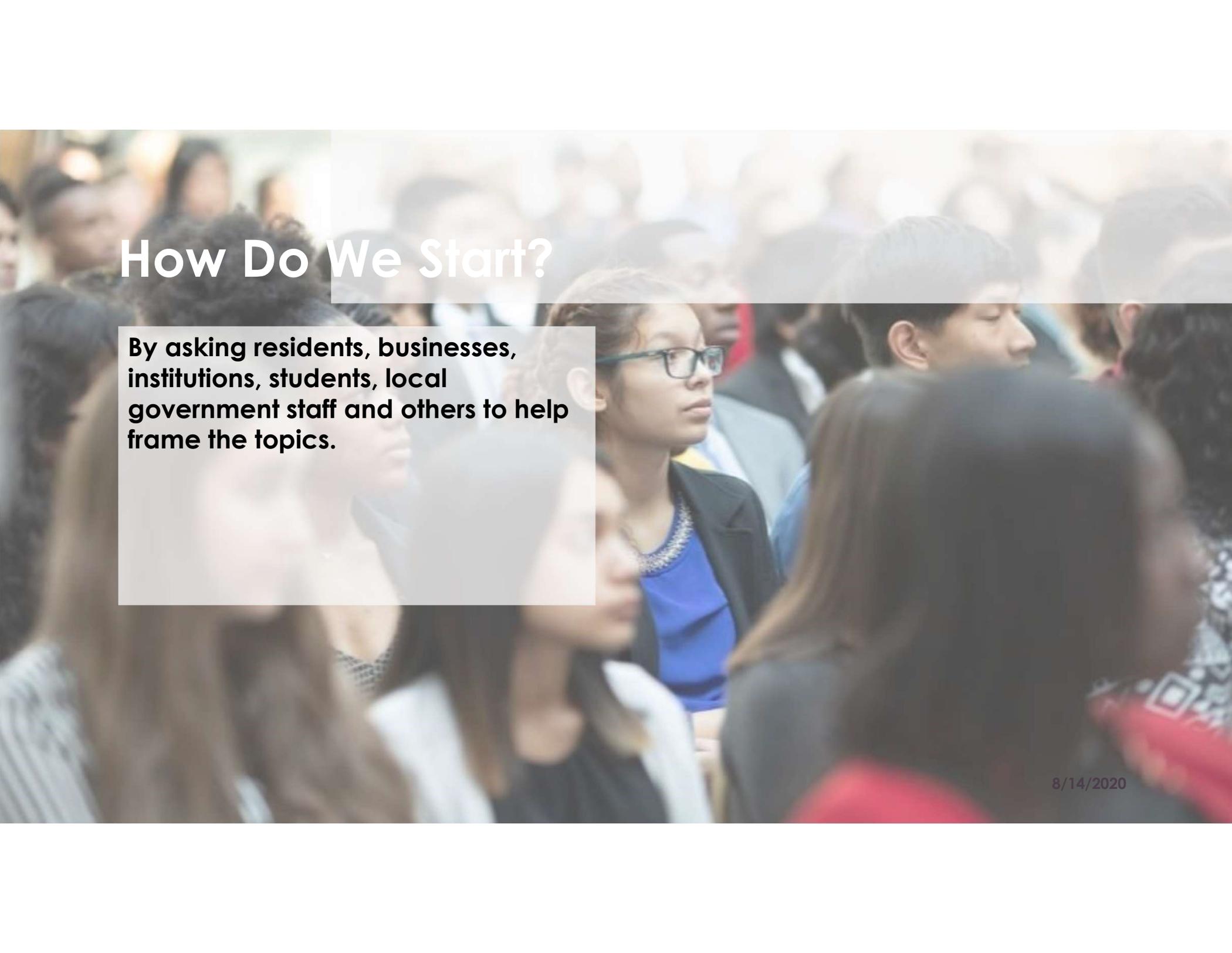
What Topics Have We Studied?

1966 Comprehensive Plan of Chicago

- Residential Areas
- Recreation & Park Land
- Education
- Public Safety & Health
- Business
- Industry
- Transportation

1984 Chicago Works Together Development Plan

- Job opportunities for Chicagoans
- Balanced Growth
- Neighborhood development through partnerships & coordinated investment
- Public participation in decision-making
- A Regional, state and national agenda



How Do We Start?

By asking residents, businesses, institutions, students, local government staff and others to help frame the topics.

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★ How Do We Start?

We will use:

- Social media
- Digital and print media
- A wide range of interactive activities designed and led by artists
- A planning platform where all the activities can be found and which also will host
 - Online surveys
 - Workshops
 - Forums
- Voter referendum on equity, diversity, and resiliency

Leading the Partnership CHICAGO

- Planning and Development
- Culture Affairs and Special Events

In collaboration with

- Other city departments
- Sister agencies

Regional Partners currently contributing:



Pro Bono Partners assisting:



Future Partners

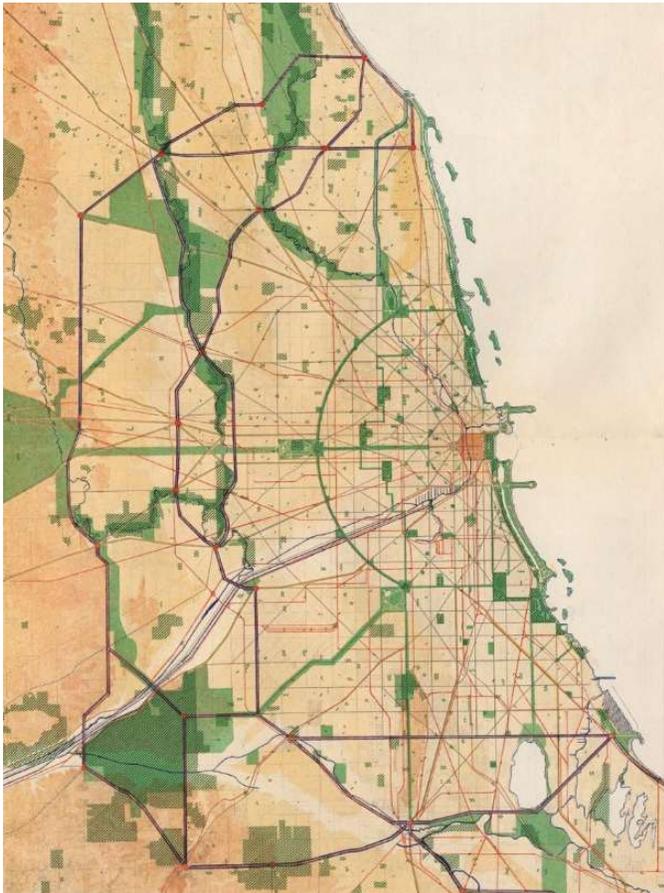
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Health Planning Partners



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★ First, We Must Revisit Our History



1909 Plan of Chicago

- Legacy - 24 miles of public lakefront

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Post-war Plans

- Rebuild massive swaths of Chicago for transportation to address growth of the suburbs
- Federal funds for the highway & transit network resulted in removal of communities and businesses



1946 Preliminary Comprehensive City Plan

Lots of data & use maps

Vague proposals for clearing 9 square miles of "blight"

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Urban Renewal

- 1949 & 1954 Federal Housing Acts
- Federal-local partnership to “rescue blighted city districts”



1958 Growth Coalition and Development Plan for the Central Area of Chicago

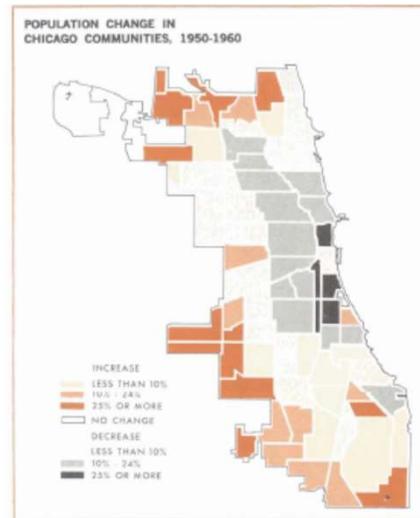
- Keep government in the Loop
- Attract 50,000 new residents

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By the 1960s

- Urban renewal had altered US cities-entire blocks, neighborhoods, business districts, demolished
- 1961-Jane Jacobs and *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act



1964 Polices Plan & 1966 Comprehensive Plan for Chicago

- Emphasized process and goals over prominent projects
- “Plan for a diverse, harmonious population
 - Reduce future losses of white families
 - While accommodating the growth of the non-white population”

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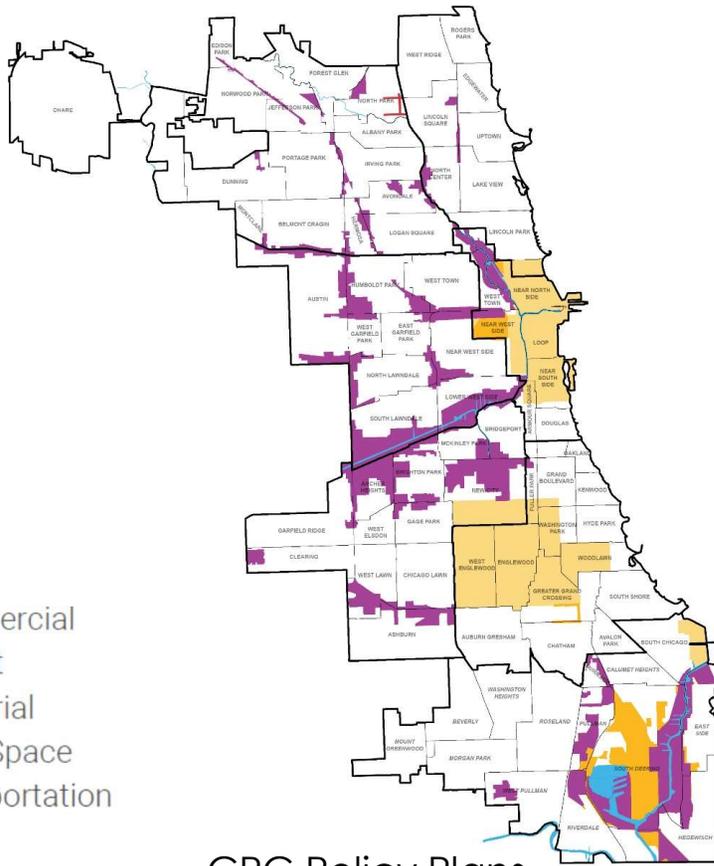
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“Chicago Works Together” Chicago Development Plan

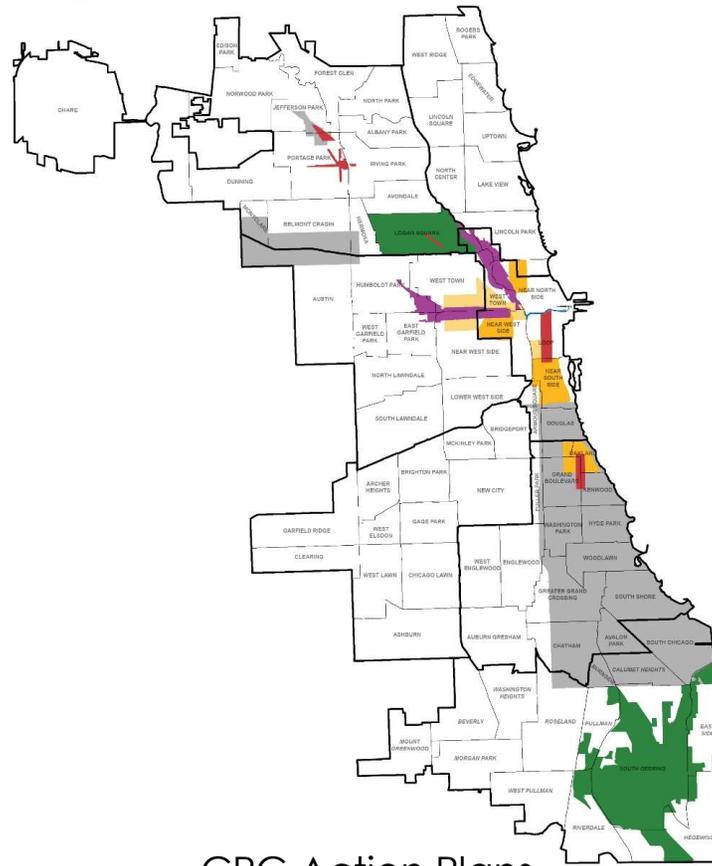
“Promote cooperative development planning in a city that has great opportunities but also significant enduring human needs.”

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★ Past Plans in Chicago, 1998 to Present



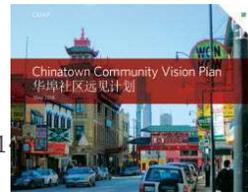
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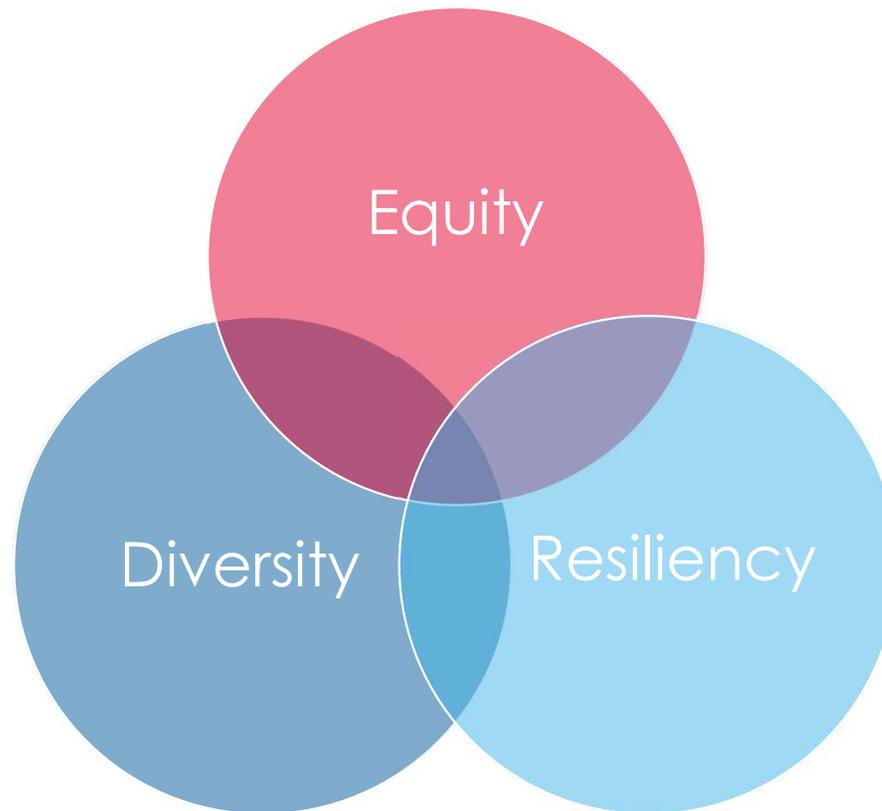
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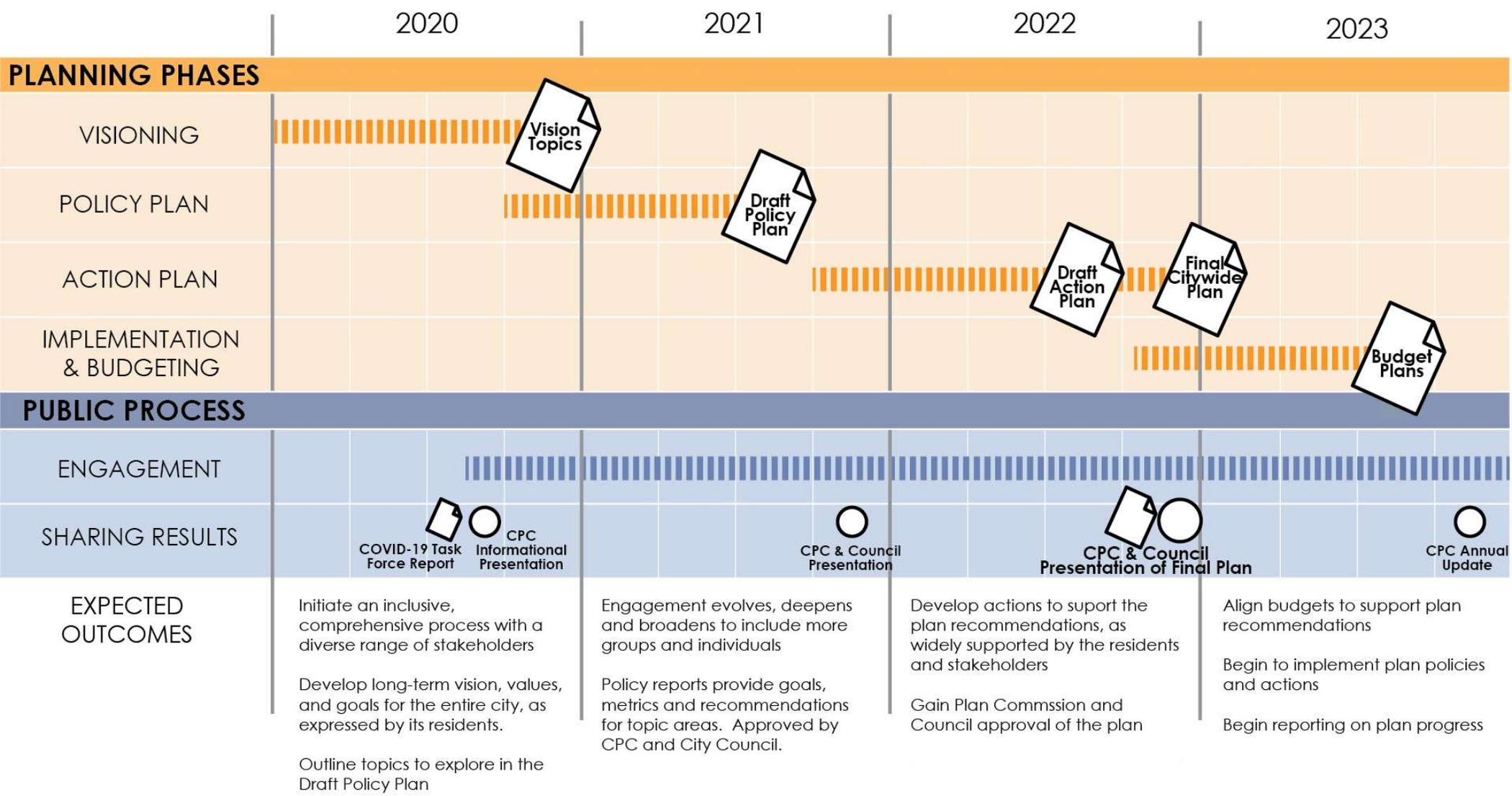
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Planning Principles





★ Activities this Fall



September

Metropolitan Planning Council holds virtual workshops with other cities



October

DCASE and Artist-led team initiate virtual engagement activities



October

DPD and engagement team initiate virtual topic forums



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