

Agenda

3:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions
3:05 p.m.	HousekeepingElection of Secretary (Lee Adams)Incorporation of new members (John Egelhaaf)
3:20 p.m.	Review RPI Subcommittee Structure and Process (John Egelhaaf)
3:25 p.m.	 Adopt Updated Education Goal (John Egelhaaf and Michael Evans) Updated goal (page 2) Original goal (page 3)
3:40 p.m.	Identify Education Priority Project Areas (All)
4:25 p.m.	Next Steps (Lee Adams)Establish champions for the Infrastructure surveyJuly 2: Partner Meeting "Infrastructure"
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

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Education Goal

Promote talent development and retention to encourage growth and sustainability in all facets of the local economy.

Education Opportunities & Objectives

- 1. Promote accessibility and opportunities to participate in education and skilled training programs
 - a. Tailor programs to market demands
- 2. Promote the coordination, and encourage a larger number, of internships and apprenticeships across the region and across the continuum of learners
 - a. Regional clearinghouse and website that publicly houses internship/apprenticeship opportunities
 - i. MI internship/apprenticeships website (June? 2015)
 - 1. College, secondary ed, established and under-skilled workers
 - b. Webpage with links to existing opportunities
 - c. Inventory existing opportunities
 - d. Connect interns to job opportunities
- 3. Encourage a culture of learning
 - a. Provide opportunities for all learners
 - b. Encourage, and promote the personal and regional economic benefits of, lifelong learning
 - c. Promote digital literacy
- 4. Encourage infrastructure development and interconnectivity to better support education, training, and employment
 - a. Increase mobility: transit and non-motorized
 - b. Increase access to technology: broadband and access to equipment
- 5. Support work of, and develop a communication conduit for, existing education organizations
 - a. Adult education
 - b. Credential acquisition
 - c. Career exploration
 - d. Functional literacy
 - e. Skilled trades
 - f. Employers

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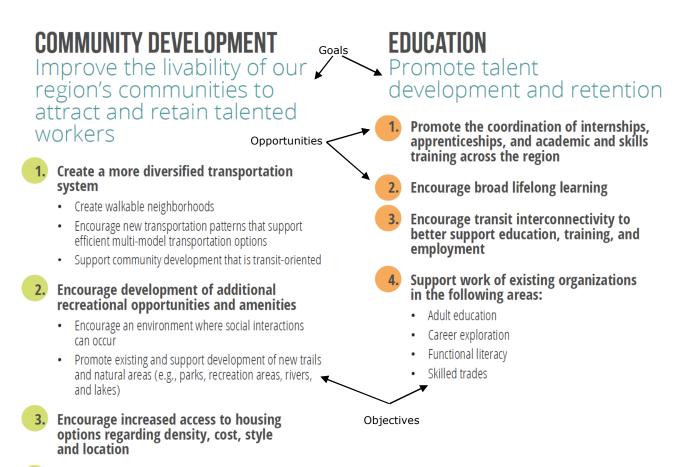


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REGIONA ABORATIUN GOALS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Support sustainable development

- Develop infrastructure that can be sustained financially and environmentally over the long term
- Maintain or improve environmental guality

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INFRASTRUCTURE Encourage expansion and improvement of regional infrastructure



Advance the effective and efficient transportation of goods

- Support regionally impactful infrastructure opportunities for the movement of freight (e.g., support 2nd bridge in Detroit, completion of US 31)
- Recognize intermodal freight transportation opportunities (e.g., reliever port for Chicago and Detroit)
- Promote maintenance and improvement of the freeway system and connecting roads
- · Promote maintenance and improvement of state and local roads
- Encourage aviation to better support business
- Take advantage of our existing water infrastructure along the Lake Michigan shoreline for the transportation of freight (e.g., freight harbors on Lake Michigan)

Advance the effective and efficient transportation of people

- Promote maintenance and improvement of the existing freeway system and connecting roads
- Encourage passenger rail as a viable transportation option
- Encourage aviation to better support passenger transportation
- Promote coordination of regional bus transportation
- 3. Assist in cultivating a comprehensive telecommunication system
 - Promote region-wide access to telecommunications (broadband, cellular)
 - Encourage improved speed and quality of telecommunications infrastructure

Explore and promote a sustainable and economically competitive approach to energy supply

- Promote competitive cost of energy
- Encourage increased access and production
- · Promote diversification of energy portfolio (e.g., creation of micro grids)

Facilitate a collaborative approach to municipal infrastructure

- Promote coordinated administration of regional water and sewer infrastructure to achieve competitive rates
- Encourage coordinated water and sewer infrastructure planning

RPI STRATEGIES Advance regional communication and collaboration

. Further RPI organizational development

- Establish bylaws
- Examine membership and structure
- Connect sectors via communication, collaboration, and information sharing
- Establish RPI as clearinghouse (network versus an extra step)
- Create regional brand, identity, and image
- Establish criteria for addressing policy issues

2. Encourage collaboration among public and nonprofit sectors

- Develop or replicate organizational collaboration model for Region 8 to meet needs in a cost-efficient way
- Develop a platform for regular information sharing among the five sectors (learn what others are doing; process for regular information sharing meetings)
- Encourage coordinated strategic asset management across all seven counties
- Explore tribal strategies
- Collaborate on state and federal grants and projects to
 ensure projects are shovel-ready (e.g., letters of support)
- Encourage emergency management at a regional level

Strengthen the interface between the Regional Prosperity Plan and local plans

- Develop a model for creating plans that fit within the regional strategy
- Align with state and federal agencies to inform them about RPI goals
- Encourage individual municipal strategies are tied to the regional prosperity plan (including planning)