

Status Report

Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) Boundary Planning Study (BPS)

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Overview

The Boundary Planning Study is a high-level study of existing conditions and opportunities and constraints which can inform future planning choices about the Boundary Planning Study Area and surroundings. The Study Area extends eastward from the Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) to Broadway Ave, north to Cathcart and south to the County line. It includes the Maltby Urban Growth Area (UGA). This area has been chosen for study given it is adjacent to a fast-growing area. The study will explore:

- natural environment conditions
- social and economic trends
- capital and service delivery situation and costs
- federal, state, regional policy frameworks

2018 TASKS COMPLETED

In November and December 2018, the Consultant Team kicked off the project, and prepared a Project Management Plan and Outreach Strategy. Based on a more detailed Methods Memo and data collected, the Consultant Team synthesized natural environment and socioeconomic information and developed baseline public service and capital facility information. The Consultant Team initiated the fiscal model reviewing baseline revenues and gathering cost information. Land use typologies were explored. The team developed the Suitability Analysis grid-cell approach for further application in 2019. The team prepared a report template and chapters associated with the natural environment, socio-economic and early public service/capital facility information. Stakeholder interview questions and contacts were initiated. Completed months and tasks are highlighted in blue on Exhibit 1.

NEXT STEPS IN 2019

In 2019, the prior analysis of natural environment and socioeconomic information would inform a team Charette and from there scenarios, including no change from current plans and two others, would be formulated and growth yields developed. These would drive the remaining analysis of transportation, public service, and capital facility costs. The results would be summarized in technical memos and chapters of the study. The full report would be preliminarily drafted for internal review and when ready shared publicly. Two points of public contact would be made: 1) stakeholder meetings to share study progress and ask about participants' needs and concerns to fold in as qualitative information into the study, and 2) a draft study sharing meeting with online maps and a survey allowing comment. Future steps are shown in white on Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1. Boundary Planning Study: Completed and Next Steps Chart

