

Consortium Agreement Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who from my organization should sign the Agreement?

A: Any representative of the organization that has the authority to enter into an agreement on behalf of the organization may sign. For local governments, this may be a Planning Director, City or County Manager, elected official or other officer who is able to sign for the entity.

Q: Is the Agreement legally binding?

A: The Agreement does not create any financial or other obligations and does not give rise to any claims for breach. The main purpose of the Agreement is to confirm the governance structure and very general roles. A Consortium Agreement for these purposes is a required part of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

Q: What is the role of the “point person” that each member must designate?

A: The point person will serve as the primary contact for communication about the Sustainable Communities Initiative. Note that language from a previous draft of the Agreement indicating the point person will “cast the member’s vote on any matter upon which a vote of member is taken” has been removed.

Q: Do the regional planning activities included in the Sustainable Communities Initiative correspond with the Metro Vision 2040 Plan update, or will they lead to the development of some other regional plan?

A: The regional planning activities will be part of the Metro Vision 2040 Plan update.

Q: Will organizations that don't sign the Agreement be excluded from the Metro Vision planning process?

A: Absolutely not. Development of the Metro Vision 2040 Plan will be an open and public process.

Q: Is the Consortium superseding the normal DRCOG process?

A: No, DRCOG is the regional decision-making body and the Agreement does not change that.

Q: My community isn't on a FasTracks Corridor; why should we sign the Agreement?

A: There are several reasons communities not located along the FasTracks Corridors receiving grant funding may wish to sign the Agreement:

- FasTracks is a regional project with regional benefits. The Sustainable Communities Initiative aims to maximize the benefits of FasTracks and ensure these benefits extend well beyond the transit lines themselves.
- Lessons learned through the corridor planning activities and catalytic projects can apply to other transit corridors.
- The Sustainable Communities Initiative includes regional planning activities that will address the full DRCOG planning area and a broad range of issues, such as Rural Town Centers.
- By signing the Agreement, partners affirm their commitment of matching resources and willingness to collaborate with new partners on new issues.

